

HB 1564-FN-A Testimony - January 12, 2016

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire is pleased to see legislation supporting the creation of a non-partisan Independent Redistricting Commission. Your consideration of domicile location from multiple counties, of commission members refraining from candidate and party endorsements and, more importantly, not advancing the interests of any particular party reflects your understanding of what independence will require.

Your proposed legislation might be strengthened if you also address such items as how representative, senatorial, and congressional districts are connected and including the requirement that the commission hold hearings across the state to make access to the commission easy for the public. (In my other hat as a Town Moderator, I can assure you that voters have strong feelings about why other towns should or should not share a district with their town.)

Both the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire and the US League have made non-partisan redistricting a top priority; if we can be helpful in your deliberation on this legislation, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Again, thank you for your commitment to giving New Hampshire voters an Independent Redistricting Commission.

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