

Testimony on Senate Bill 425 (establishing an independent REDISTRICTING
Commission - January 14, 2016

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire (LWVNH) continues to support the Senate's thoughtful and substantive proposal to establish an independent Redistricting Commission.

We commend:

- the attention to both redistricting and commission process
- careful alignment among representative, senatorial, and congressional districts in Section III
- abundant provision for public input
- standards to assure non-partisan redistricting as well as non-discrimination.

Article 65 of the New Hampshire Constitution states that the redistricting of the Executive Council may and usually is determined by the legislature. We again recommend that the Executive Council districts be added to the offices planned for apportionment by the Redistricting Commission.

Both the LWVUS and the LWVNH have made non-partisan redistricting a top priority; if we can be helpful in your deliberation on this legislation, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to a unanimous vote in support of SB 425.

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