

Re **HB 320 – relative to procedures for apportioning electoral districts**

Representative Griffin and members of the Election Law Committee:

HB 320 continues to depend on political parties to determine redistricting models. The bill identifies majority and minority leaders in both houses as selectors of the algorithm contractor. It also identifies “representatives of all parties” as the primary reviewers of the results.

If this proposal goes forward, the League of Women Voters New Hampshire supports “establishing an independent, non-partisan commission with broad-based community representation as the preferred redistricting body.” Such a commission would be a more appropriate selector and reviewer than partisan party members. **We continue to urge you to vote for HB203, and if passed the appointed independent redistricting commission might well decide to use a mathematical optimization model such as described in HB 320.**

We do agree that the naming of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to handle the approval process is appropriate in meeting Constitutional requirements.

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