



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MATTABASSETT DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of number 240 of the special acts of 1961, as
2 amended by section 1 of number 134 of the special acts of 1963, is
3 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 Within sixty days after action to establish said Mattabasset District
5 has been initiated as set forth in section 1 hereof, the legislative bodies
6 of the city of New Britain, and such of the towns of Berlin and
7 Cromwell as have indicated an intention of forming such district, shall
8 meet individually at a time and place designated by the presiding
9 officer of the city council in the case of New Britain and by the first
10 selectman in the case of Berlin and Cromwell, and each city and town
11 shall provide, by resolution of its legislative body, for the appointment
12 of its representative to the board of directors for said Mattabasset
13 district, which board of directors shall consist of seven representatives
14 from the city of New Britain, three representatives from the town of
15 Berlin and two representatives from the town of Cromwell. Of the

16 representatives so appointed by the city of New Britain, three shall
17 serve for terms of three years, three for terms of two years, and one for
18 a term of one year as determined by the legislative body. Of the
19 representative so appointed by the town of Berlin, two shall serve for
20 terms of two years and one for a term of one year, as so determined.
21 Of the representatives appointed by the town of Cromwell, one shall
22 be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a
23 term of one year. Thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of three
24 years. On and after the effective date of this section, the host town of
25 Cromwell shall appoint three additional permanent representatives.
26 Within sixty days following the publication of the 1980 federal census
27 and within sixty days following the publication of each subsequent
28 federal census, the board of directors shall meet to determine whether
29 any reapportionment shall be made in the number of members
30 representing each constituent municipality on said board. The total
31 number of members on said board shall be [~~twelve~~] fifteen and each
32 constituent municipality having a population of five thousand or more
33 shall be entitled to two memberships on said board. On and after the
34 effective date of this section, three of such memberships shall be
35 permanent and from the host town of Cromwell. The remaining
36 twelve memberships on said board shall be allocated among the
37 constituent municipalities in the same proportion as the population of
38 each constituent municipality in excess of five thousand bears to the
39 aggregate amount of such excess population. An allocation factor shall
40 be computed by dividing said aggregate amount of excess population
41 by the number of memberships to be allocated under this formula.
42 Each constituent municipality shall be entitled to the number of
43 additional memberships, rounded to the nearest whole number,
44 resulting from dividing its population in excess of five thousand by the
45 allocation factor. If application of the above formula requires
46 reallocation of the membership of the board, such reallocation shall
47 become effective one year after the publication of the applicable census
48 unless the district board shall have set an earlier effective date.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | Number 240 of the special acts of 1961, Sec. 2 |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the host town of Cromwell with more favorable membership on the board.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]