

1 S.133

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General provisions; Native American people; Vermont Commission
6 on Native American Affairs; term limits

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to remove term limits on the
8 members of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs.

9 An act relating to the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 852 is amended to read:

12 § 852. VERMONT COMMISSION ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

13 ESTABLISHED; AUTHORITY

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15 (b) The commission shall be composed of nine members appointed by the
16 governor ~~for staggered two-year terms~~ from a list of candidates compiled by
17 the division for historic preservation. The governor shall appoint members
18 who have been residents of Vermont for a minimum of three years and reflect
19 a diversity of affiliations and geographic locations in Vermont. ~~A member~~
20 ~~may serve for no more than two consecutive terms, unless there are insufficient~~

1 ~~eligible candidates.~~ The division shall compile a list of candidates from the
2 following:

3 (1) Recommendations from Native American communities residing in
4 Vermont. Once a Native American Indian tribe has been recognized under this
5 chapter, a qualified candidate recommended by that tribe shall have priority for
6 appointment to fill the next available vacancy on the commission.

7 (2) Individuals who apply to the division of historical preservation.
8 Candidates shall indicate their residence and Native American affiliation.

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