

## Shaker chooses SB2 voting

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BELMONT — No longer will Shaker Regional School District voters have to attend the annual meeting to cast their vote, as petitioned Warrant Article 1 passed during the voting on Friday.

The article won 355-194. Because a three-fifths majority was needed for the new form of voting to be approved, it required 333 votes to pass.

SB-2, or the Official Ballot Law as established by RSA 40:13, eliminates the traditional annual School District Meeting where votes are taken during the meeting in favor of a deliberative session where warrants are discussed and amended, but then vote at a later date along with elections. The town of Belmont has been an SB-2 town for many years.

The Shaker Regional School Board has also voted to create a non-binding budget committee that will provide a second set of eyes to the preparation of the annual budget.

Board Chairman Sean Embree said they have not decided the mechanics of how the members will be chosen for the first year but said that it will include at least three Belmont members and three Canterbury members.

He said he personally doesn't support having the School Board make the initial appointments because he doesn't want it to seem like a "rubber stamp committee."

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