

1 H.445

2 Introduced by Representatives Squirrell of Underhill and Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Underhill;  
6 amendment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve an  
8 amendment to the charter of the Town of Underhill to establish a procedure for  
9 the recall of elected Town officers.

10 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of  
11 Underhill

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

13 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

14 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town  
15 of Underhill as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of  
16 amendment on March 2, 2021.

17 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 155 is amended to read:

18 CHAPTER 155. TOWN OF UNDERHILL

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1                   Subchapter 6. Recall of Elected Town Officers

2           § 61. RECALL OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

3           Any elected Town officer may be removed from office subject to the  
4           following conditions and procedures:

5                   (1) A written petition that is signed by not less than 15 percent of the  
6                   registered voters of the Town seeking the removal of the town officer or  
7                   officers and requesting a vote of the Town at a regular or special Town  
8                   meeting called for that purpose shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

9                   (2) The Selectboard shall call a special Town meeting, to be held within  
10                  45 days of receiving the petition, to vote on whether the elected officer shall be  
11                  removed. The vote shall be held by Australian ballot.

12                  (3) When the petition is approved by a majority of the ballots cast at the  
13                  special Town meeting, the Town officer named in the petition shall cease to  
14                  hold the office.

15                  (4) A vacancy resulting from the recall of an officer shall be filled in the  
16                  manner prescribed by law.

17                  (5) A recall petition shall not be brought against an individual more than  
18                  once within 12 months.

19           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20                  This act shall take effect on passage.