

**No. M-2. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of Williston.**

(H.31)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

The general assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the town of Williston as provided in this act. Proposals of amendment were approved by the voters on November 4, 2008.

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 156, § 16 is amended to read:

§ 16. THE TOWN MANAGER

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(h) Responsibilities of the town manager and authority:

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(2) Limits to authority in general.

(A) The authority of the manager shall in no way extend to:

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(v) Where general state law places the appointment or dismissal of an official in the control of some other official than the town manager, with the exception of the administrative officer (zoning administrator), including but not limited to the zoning administrator, a member of the development review board, or planning commission, general state law shall prevail over the provisions of this charter.

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(3) Authority and duties in particular. The manager shall be charged with full authority, and be responsible for the following:

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(J) To appoint, upon merit and fitness alone, and, when the manager deems necessary for the good of the service, suspend or remove any subordinate official, employee, or agent, including the administrative officer (zoning administrator), under the manager's supervision as provided for in this charter. All such appointments may be without definite terms unless for provisional, temporary, or emergency service, in which case, terms shall not exceed the maximum periods prescribed by the personnel rules and regulations. The manager may authorize the head of a department or of an office responsible to the manager to appoint and remove subordinates in such office or department.

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Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 156, § 20 is added to read:

§ 20. HOST TOWN AGREEMENTS

A facility certified under chapter 159 of Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated shall enter into a host town agreement with the town of Williston to make a compensatory host payment prior to certification or renewal of certification.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.

Approved: April 23, 2009