

**No. M-13. An act relating to the approval of amendments to the charter of the village of Essex Junction.**

(H.452)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

The general assembly approves the charter of the village of Essex Junction as provided in this act. Proposals of amendment were approved by the voters on April 14, 2009.

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 221, § 2.01 is amended to read:

§ 2.01. COMPOSITION, ELIGIBILITY, ELECTION, AND TERMS

(a) Composition. There shall be a Board of Trustees of ~~Five~~ five members elected by the qualified voters of the Village at large. ~~One of the Trustees shall be elected by the voters~~ At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following each annual meeting, one of the Trustees shall be elected by the other Trustees to the office of President of the Village of Essex Junction. The President shall be the chairperson of the Board of Trustees ~~and shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a Trustee.~~ The President shall preside at the Board of Trustees' meetings. The President shall serve until succeeded by a duly elected successor. Any vacancy in the office of President may be filled by vote of the remaining Trustees at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly warned for that purpose. At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following each annual meeting, one of the Trustees shall be elected by the other Trustees to

the office of Vice President of the Village of Essex Junction. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at the Board of Trustees' meetings and act in place of the President. The Vice President shall serve until succeeded by a duly elected successor. Any vacancy in the office of Vice President may be filled by vote of the remaining Trustees at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly warned for that purpose.

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(c) Election and Terms. The regular election of Trustees shall be held at the annual Village meeting in the manner provided in Subchapter 8. ~~The President and four~~ Trustees shall be elected for ~~three year~~ three-year terms. ~~No more than two Trustees shall be elected annually.~~ The terms of Trustees shall begin on the Tuesday following their election.

~~(d) When an incumbent Trustee runs for the position of President at the end of the first year of his term, that Trustee will automatically forfeit his position as a Trustee, effective the day of the election, irrespective of whether or not he is elected President. This vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be filled at that same election. In order to allow other people sufficient time to file for this vacancy, an incumbent Trustee, who wishes to run for the office of President during the first year of his term, must file the required nominating petitions at least fifteen (15) days before the deadline.~~

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.

Approved: May 26, 2009