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Introduced by Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland
City, Courcelle of Rutland City and Howard of Rutland City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; city of Rutland;
amendment

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve amendments to the charter
of the city of Rutland relating to the city budget and annual appropriations.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the city of
Rutland

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 city of
Rutland 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 9, § 11.2 is amended to read:

§ 11.2. BUDGET ESTIMATE

Except for the board of school commissioners, it shall be the duty of ~~each~~
~~board, commissioner, or other officer~~ any person who is authorized to ~~expend~~

1 ~~any money or~~ incur any indebtedness chargeable to the city; to prepare and
2 ~~submit to the mayor annually before the 15th day of each May, estimates of the~~
3 ~~whole expense of operating each department, board, commission or office~~
4 ~~under the charge of any such officer or board for the year ensuing from the first~~
5 ~~day of the following July. These estimates shall specify in detail the objects of~~
6 ~~the expenditures~~ each October 1 a detailed line-item budget estimate for each
7 department for the upcoming fiscal year.

8 Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 9, § 11.3 is amended to read:

9 § 11.3. CITY BUDGET

10 The mayor shall annually ~~on or before the first Monday in each June,~~
11 ~~prepare an estimate of the necessary appropriations to operate all departments~~
12 ~~and branches of the city government except the board of school~~
13 ~~commissioners. This budget shall be submitted to the board of aldermen for~~
14 ~~their guidance and action in making the annual appropriations and the tax levy~~
15 before each November 1 prepare and submit to the board of aldermen a
16 proposed budget predicated as necessary to operate all branches of city
17 government. The board of aldermen may reduce ~~the items of such the~~
18 proposed budget but shall may not increase them it.

1 Sec. 4. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 9, § 11.4 is amended to read:

2 § 11.4. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

3 The board of aldermen shall ~~make the annual appropriations for each~~
4 ~~department or branch of the city government on or before the 30th day of each~~
5 ~~June. All votes or resolutions providing for the annual appropriations of any~~
6 ~~year shall cease to be operative at the end of the fiscal year for which they~~
7 ~~were adopted, except as otherwise provided by the laws of the state.~~
8 ~~Appropriations made by the board of aldermen for the various items of the~~
9 ~~budget shall be expended only for such items. Any balance left or unexpended~~
10 ~~in any such budget item shall be returned at the end of the fiscal year to the~~
11 ~~general fund of the city~~ finalize the general fund budget and publish to the
12 voters of the city before each December 31. The general fund budget shall
13 then be promptly warned and placed on the ballot each March for voter
14 approval.

15 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect upon passage.