

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9

H.539

Introduced by Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford and  
Mitchell of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; amendment; town of  
Hartford

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the charter of the town of  
Hartford.

10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19

An act relating to amending the charter of the town of Hartford

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

~~Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT~~

~~Notwithstanding the provision of section 2645 of Title 17, the charter of the  
town of Hartford is amended as set forth in this act.~~

~~Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 123A, § 201(e) and (f) are amended to read:~~

~~(e) Meetings, dates, times, votes, ballots:~~

~~(1) Budget discussion/candidates night meeting. On the last Monday  
night in February at 7:00 p.m. at a place determined by the town and school  
district meeting committee, a town and school district budget discussion.~~

1 ~~public question, and candidates night meeting shall be called for the purpose~~  
2 of:

3 \* \* \*

4 (2) Australian ballot/election day. Australian ballot/election day shall  
5 be the first Tuesday after the ~~1st~~ first Monday in March, at which time any  
6 business, budgets, and candidate election involving Australian ballots will be  
7 transacted beginning at 7 a.m. until closing at 7 p.m. The town operational  
8 budget as warned by the selectboard and the school district budget as warned  
9 by the school district shall be submitted to the electorate at this town election.  
10 A majority vote shall be the majority of votes cast in this election. Under this  
11 subdivision:

12 \* \* \*

13 (f) Special town and school district meeting. A special town or school  
14 district meeting may be called at any time by a majority of the applicable  
15 board, by ~~the decree of the town clerk~~ warning of the selectboard upon receipt  
16 of a petition signed by no less than 350 registered voters. A special town or  
17 school district meeting, called within 30 days of receipt of the filed petition,  
18 shall be held within 30 days from the date of the official call to meeting and  
19 warned 10 days prior to the meeting.

1 ~~Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 123A, § 203(a)(3)(F) is added to read:~~

2 ~~(F) The selectboard shall appoint the town treasurer for a term of~~  
3 ~~three years.~~

4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 ~~This act shall take effect upon passage.~~

~~Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL~~

~~Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2645 of Title 17, the general assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the town of Hartford as provided in this act.~~

~~Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. § 123A-401(e)(2) is amended to read:~~

~~(2) The charter shall be reviewed not less than three years after its initial adoption and subsequently every five years unless amended by a town meeting vote. However, the charter committee may, at any time prior to three years after the initial adoption of the charter, recommend amendments to the charter of a technical nature or that resolve conflicts between or among existing provisions of the charter.~~

~~Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

~~This act shall take effect upon passage.~~

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2645 of Title 17, the general assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the town of Hartford as provided in this act.

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 123A § 401(e) is amended to read:

(e) Charter review.

(1) The selectboard and school board shall may appoint a charter review committee of registered voters of the town to review its charter and recommend changes as the committee finds necessary or advisable for the purpose of improving the operation of the town and school district.

(2) ~~The charter shall be reviewed not less than three years after its initial adoption and subsequently every five years unless amended by a town meeting vote.~~

~~(3)~~ *The committee shall submit a written report of recommendations to the selectboard and school board not later than one year after the appointment of the committee.*

~~(4)~~(3) *Recommendations shall be warned for a vote at the next Australian ballot town meeting.*

~~(5)~~(4) *The selectboard and school board shall provide funds for the committee in their budgets for any year when a charter review committee is appointed.*

*Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect upon passage.*