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2 Introduced by Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South

3 Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South

4 Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; amendment; city of South

8 Burlington

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve amendments to the charter  
10 of the city of South Burlington.

11 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the city of  
12 South Burlington

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

14 Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

15 The general assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the city of  
16 South Burlington as provided in this act. Proposals of amendment were  
17 approved by the voters on March 2, 2010.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13 § 110 is amended to read:

2 § 110. ANNUAL CITY REPORT

3 The annual city report shall be made available ~~and noticed~~ to the legal  
4 voters of the city and school district ~~at the earliest time following the fiscal~~  
5 ~~year, but~~ not later than ~~March 4~~ 20 days prior to the annual city and school  
6 district meeting.

7 Sec. 3. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13 § 1302 is amended to read:

8 § 1302. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

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10 (b) The council and the board of school directors shall cause copies of the  
11 proposed budgets to be delivered to each member of the steering committee  
12 forthwith after the final preparation of ~~said~~ the budgets, but not less than ~~60~~ 45  
13 days prior to the date of the annual city and school district meeting. The  
14 steering committee may hold a meeting for the review of such budgets, giving  
15 notice of the meeting as required in ~~subchapter 10~~ section 1102 of this chapter.  
16 ~~Prior to the adoption of such budgets by the city and the South Burlington No~~  
17 less than 35 days prior to the annual city and school district meeting, the  
18 steering committee may submit to the council and the board of school directors  
19 its report and recommendations concerning the proposed budgets.

20 (c) ~~The council shall fix the time and place for holding a public hearing on~~  
21 ~~the budgets for the city and the school district, and shall give notice of the~~

1 ~~hearing at least 10 days prior thereto in a newspaper of general circulation in~~  
2 ~~the city, or by electronic means. The hearing shall be held not less than 40~~  
3 ~~days nor more than 60 days prior to the date of the annual city and school~~  
4 ~~district meeting.~~ The council shall ~~then review~~ warn the city budget and  
5 ~~approve it~~ for submission to the voters, ~~with or without change,~~ not less than  
6 30 days before the annual city meeting and in the same manner, the board of  
7 school directors shall ~~review~~ warn its budget and ~~approve it~~ for submission to  
8 the voters, ~~with or without change.~~

9 Sec. 4. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13 § 1303 is amended to read:

10 § 1303. CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING WARNING  
11 AND BUDGET

12 The proposed budgets of the city and school district shall be ~~distributed~~  
13 made available to the legal voters of the city and school district at least ~~10~~ 20  
14 ~~days before the public hearing on the budgets~~ annual city and school district  
15 meeting. ~~The warnings for~~ Not more than 40 nor less than 30 days prior to the  
16 annual city and school district meeting, notice shall be published in a  
17 newspaper having general circulation within the city, ~~or by electronic means,~~ at  
18 ~~least 10 days before the date of the annual meetings and the proposed budgets~~  
19 ~~for the city and school district shall likewise be published~~ informing voters of  
20 the date of a public hearing on the budgets and availability of the warnings for  
21 the annual city and school district meetings, the proposed city and school

1 district budgets and the city and school district annual reports. The council and  
2 the board of school directors shall hold a public hearing on their respective  
3 budgets not more than 10 days before the annual city and school district  
4 meetings.

5 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect upon passage.