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2 Introduced by Representatives Wright of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington,

3 Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Pearson of

4 Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Weston of Burlington and

5 Wizowaty of Burlington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; city of Burlington;

9 amendment

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

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

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

15 Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

16 The general assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the city of
17 Burlington as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendment were approved by
18 the voters on March 1, 2011.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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4 § 48. ENUMERATED

5 The city council shall have power:

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7 (46) To enact and enforce rules for its government and for the
8 government of the ~~board of aldermen~~ city council. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A.
9 § 172, the city council may enact rules providing that as long as a quorum
10 exists, a valid majority for taking action may be a concurrence of a majority of
11 those present and voting.

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13 § 154. COMPOSITION

14 The board of finance shall be constituted as follows: The mayor shall, ex
15 officio, be chairman of said board and together with the president of the city
16 council, ~~the chief administrative officer~~, and ~~two~~ three additional members of
17 the city council who shall be elected at the first meeting of the city council in
18 April of each year and who shall serve a term of one year from the date of their
19 election shall constitute said board of finance. ~~Each~~ In addition, the chief
20 administrative officer shall serve as a nonvoting member of said board. All of
21 the additional ~~two~~ three members elected from the city council shall may not

1 be members of ~~different~~ the same political ~~parties~~ party. The members of said
2 board shall be trustees of public moneys for the city and shall have the powers
3 and perform all the duties of similar officers in towns of this state; provided,
4 however, that they shall make no investment or reinvestment of any of the
5 cemetery endowment funds of the city without first obtaining the written
6 approval thereof by a majority of the board of cemetery commissioners. The
7 clerk/treasurer's office shall provide staff assistance for said board. In the
8 absence or disability of the mayor ~~or president of the city council~~, the chief
9 administrative officer shall sit as a voting member.

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Sec. 2a. APPLICATION

Notwithstanding the existing composition of the board of finance pursuant
to the provisions of 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 § 154:

(1) a third additional member of the city council shall be elected to the
board of finance at the next city council meeting. The third additional city
council member elected pursuant to this section shall serve his or her term
until the next election of the board of finance as required by 24 App. V.S.A.
chapter 3 § 154; and

(2) the chief administrative officer shall serve as a nonvoting member of
the existing board of finance commencing upon the election of the third

additional city council member elected pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.