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Introduced by Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South  
Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington and Munger of  
South Burlington  
Referred to Committee on  
Date:  
Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; city of South Burlington  
Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve amendments to the charter  
of the city of South Burlington.

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

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  
South Burlington as provided in this act. Proposals of amendment were  
approved by the voters on December 6, 2011.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13, § 1304 is amended to read:

§ 1304. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

(a) Budgets for the city and the South Burlington school district shall be  
adopted when approved by the voters. Upon adoption of the budgets for the

1 city and the South Burlington school district, the amounts stated therein as the  
2 amount of the budget for the city to be raised by property taxes shall constitute  
3 a determination of the amount of the levy for the purposes of the city in the  
4 corresponding tax year and the council shall levy such taxes on the grand list  
5 furnished by the assessor for the corresponding tax year. The amounts stated  
6 therein as the amount of the budget for the South Burlington school district  
7 shall be used to determine the education property tax rates in accordance with  
8 32 V.S.A. § 5402.

9 (b) If the budget of the city or school district is not ~~adopted~~ approved by  
10 the voters at the annual meeting, the city council or school board may submit  
11 the budget, with or without change, to the voters at a special meeting which  
12 shall be held within 30 days of the annual meeting. This special meeting shall  
13 be warned in the same manner as that for the annual meeting with the  
14 exception that the warning for this meeting shall be filed with the city clerk  
15 and posted not fewer than 15 days before the meeting.

16 (c) If the budget for the city or school district is not ~~adopted~~ approved by  
17 the voters at the special meeting provided for in subsection (b) of this section,  
18 the city council or school board shall ~~adopt a budget with the net cost of~~  
19 ~~operations pursuant to section 1309 of this chapter limited to the amount of the~~  
20 ~~net cost of operations in the preceding tax year's budget, adjusted for the~~  
21 ~~preceding calendar year's Consumer Price Index for All Consumers-Northeast~~

- 1 ~~Region, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor~~  
2 ~~Statistics~~ diligently pursue voter approval of its budget. Pending voter  
3 approval of a city or school district budget, the city and school district shall be  
4 authorized to borrow funds and make expenditures that do not exceed the  
5 amount of the budget approved by the voters for the preceding year.
- 6 Sec. 3. REPEAL
- 7 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13, §§ 1309 (net cost of operations) and 1903  
8 (reappraisal of taxable property) are repealed.
- 9 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 10 This act shall take effect on passage.