

1 H.786

2 Introduced by Representative Sweaney of Windsor

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; town of Windsor;
6 amendment

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve amendments to the charter
8 of the town of Windsor.

9 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of
10 Windsor

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

12 Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

13 The general assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the town
14 of Windsor as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendment were approved by
15 the voters on March 6, 2012.

16 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 157 is amended to read:

17 CHAPTER 157. TOWN OF WINDSOR

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1 § 13. AUDITORS

2 ~~Auditors shall be elected for terms of three years, with one elected each~~
3 ~~year. They shall be responsible for the proper financial accountability of the~~
4 ~~town by ensuring that an annual audit is done by an independent professional~~
5 ~~auditing firm hired by the selectboard and may be assigned other financially~~
6 ~~related duties by the selectboard or town administrator. [Repealed.]~~

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8 § 23. APPROPRIATIONS

9 (a) All amounts specified in the budget and approved by the voters at the
10 annual town meeting are appropriated for the purposes specified. The
11 selectboard may transfer appropriated amounts between general classifications
12 of expenditures. All unexpended and unencumbered appropriations, except
13 appropriations for capital expenditures and reserve accounts, shall lapse at the
14 close of the fiscal year or, by action of the selectboard, may be placed in a
15 capital reserve fund.

16 (b) The majority of the selectboard shall sign the orders at each regularly
17 scheduled meeting.

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19 § 29. APPOINTED OFFICERS

20 (a) The selectboard, by a majority vote, shall appoint the following town
21 officers for the terms indicated:

1 (1) town attorney for a term of one year, to fulfill the duties prescribed
2 by law for the grand juror and town agent of a town, except as provided in
3 subsection 14(f) of this chapter, and perform such other duties as may be
4 requested by the selectboard; or the town administrator.

5 (2) town service officer, a dog control officer, assistant town treasurer,
6 assistant town clerk, and a health officer for a term of one year.

7 (3) ~~zoning administrator for a one year term.~~ [Repealed.]

8 (4) a development review board of not less fewer than five nor more
9 than nine members, the length of the terms of the board members, not to
10 exceed three years, shall be established at the time of appointment of the
11 individual board member by the selectboard, and two alternates with one-year
12 terms. Any vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of the prior holder shall
13 be for the unexpired term of the holder. Any member may be removed by the
14 selectboard at any time for cause upon written charges and after a public
15 hearing.

16 (5) a planning commission of not less fewer than three nor more than
17 nine members, the length of the terms of the members, not to exceed three
18 years, shall be established at the time of the appointment of the individual
19 member by the selectboard. Any vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of
20 the prior holder shall be for the unexpired term of the holder. Any member

1 may be removed by the selectboard at any time by unanimous vote of the
2 selectboard.

3 (6) regional planning commissioner, and one alternate for one year.

4 (7) town assessor for a term of one year, who may be a full-time lister.

5 (8) custodial officer for the Vermont judicial bureau and an issuing
6 official for a term of one ~~(1)~~ year.

7 (9) A constable may be appointed for a ~~one (1) year~~ one-year term by
8 the selectboard. The constable's training and duties shall be set by the
9 selectboard. The constable shall be subject to the comprehensive personnel
10 plan of the town of Windsor.

11 (10) One or more tree wardens for a term of one year per tree warden.

12 (11) Other special committees as needed.

13 (b) A vacancy in any appointed office may be filled for the duration of the
14 unexpired term by the selectboard.

15 (c) When it becomes necessary to make appointments to any office or
16 position created by this charter, ordinance, or bylaws, the selectboard shall
17 give notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the town specifying
18 positions open for which appointment will be made so that interested persons
19 may apply. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the reappointment by the
20 selectboard of an incumbent in an appointed office.

