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Introduced by Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland

City, Fagan of Rutland City and Howard of Rutland City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

Rutland

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve an amendment to the

charter of the city of Rutland that limits the length of office for members of the

board of aldermen and the mayor to 10 years.

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the city of
Rutland that limits the length of office for members of the board of
aldermen and the mayor

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

The general assembly approves the amendment to the city of Rutland
charter as provided in this act. The proposal of amendment was approved by
the voters on March 2, 2010.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 9 § 2.10 is amended to read:

2 § 2.10. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL
3 AND/OR WARD OFFICE

4 (a) Any registered voter from the City of Rutland qualified to vote for a
5 candidate for municipal or ward office may be nominated as a candidate for
6 any municipal or ward office except as hereinafter limited or as limited by the
7 laws of the State of Vermont. The name of such candidate shall be printed on
8 the official ballot to be used at the city election, if nomination papers issued by
9 the city clerk, signed in person by at least thirty-five (35) registered voters of
10 the city for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire city, or at least five
11 (5) of the registered voters of any ward for an office to be filled by the voters
12 of such ward, are filed with the city clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth
13 Monday preceding the day of the election which shall be the filing deadline.
14 Each voter signing such nomination papers shall indicate that he or she is a
15 voter in the city and in the ward for which the nomination is made, and that he
16 or she has not subscribed to more nominations of candidates for this office as
17 there are persons to be elected thereto. Such nomination papers shall be in
18 substantially the following form:

19 STATE OF VERMONT CITY OF RUTLAND NOMINATION PAPER

20 The undersigned, registered voters of the City of Rutland qualified to vote for a
21 candidate for the office named below, in accordance with law, make the

1 following nomination of a candidate to be voted for at the election to be held in
2 the City of Rutland on _____, 20____. We are voters in the
3 political division for which the nomination is made, and we have not
4 subscribed to more nominations of candidates for this Office than there are
5 persons to be elected thereto.

6 Name of Office for Residence

7 Candidate Which Nominated (Street and Number)

8 Signatures and Residences of Nominators

9 Signature of Nominator Residence

10 to be Made in Person (Street and Number, if any)

11 Acceptance of Nomination

12 I accept the above nomination. (Signature of Nominee)

13 (b) The length of office for any member of the board of aldermen shall be
14 limited to a total of 10 years. The length of office for the mayor shall be
15 limited to a total of 10 years. Upon passage of this amendment by the general
16 assembly, any member of the board of aldermen or the mayor, duly elected by
17 Rutland City voters, who has accrued 10 years in office, shall be allowed to
18 complete his or her term, but shall not be eligible to seek reelection.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect upon passage.