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2 Introduced by Representative Moran of Wardsboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; North Branch Fire District

6 No. 1; adoption

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve the

8 adoption of and codify the charter of the North Branch Fire District No. 1.

9 An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the  
10 charter of the North Branch Fire District No. 1

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

12 Sec. 1. CHARTER ADOPTION APPROVAL

13 The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of  
14 the North Branch Fire District No. 1 as set forth in this act. Proposals of  
15 charter adoption were approved by the voters on March 25, 2014.

1       Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 509 is added to read:

2                   CHAPTER 509. NORTH BRANCH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

3       § 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

4           North Branch Fire District No. 1, within the corporate limits presently  
5       established, shall continue to be a fire district and municipal corporation by the  
6       name of the North Branch Fire District No.1.

7       § 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION

8           North Branch Fire District No.1 shall have all the powers granted to fire  
9       districts and municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State  
10       and this chapter, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into  
11       execution all the powers therein granted.

12       § 3. COLLECTOR OF TAXES

13           (a) The Prudential Committee shall annually appoint one or more  
14       Collectors of Taxes who shall collect all past due taxes and accounts, interest,  
15       and penalties owing on those taxes or accounts. All amounts so collected shall  
16       be promptly remitted to the Treasurer of North Branch Fire District No. 1.

17           (b) An appointed Collector of Taxes shall receive such compensation for  
18       his or her services as determined by the Prudential Committee.

19           (c) An appointed Collector of Taxes shall serve at the pleasure of the  
20       Prudential Committee and need not be a resident or voter of North Branch Fire  
21       District No. 1.

1        (d) An appointed Collector of Taxes may also be the Treasurer.

2        § 4. TREASURER

3        (a) The Prudential Committee shall annually appoint a Treasurer who shall  
4        have all the authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon fire district  
5        treasurers by the general law of the State of Vermont.

6        (b) The appointed Treasurer shall receive such compensation for his or her  
7        services as determined by the Prudential Committee.

8        (c) The appointed Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Prudential  
9        Committee and need not be a resident or voter of North Branch Fire District  
10       No. 1.

11       (d) The appointed Treasurer may also be a Collector of Taxes.

12       Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; ELECTED COLLECTOR OF  
13       TAXES AND TREASURER; TERM EXPIRATION

14       On July 15, 2014, the terms of the elected Collector of Taxes and Treasurer  
15       of the North Branch Fire District No. 1 in office on that date shall expire.  
16       Thereafter, one or more Collectors of Taxes and a Treasurer shall be appointed  
17       by the Prudential Committee as provided in Sec. 2 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A.  
18       chapter 509, §§ 3 (Collector of Taxes) and 4 (Treasurer).

19       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

20       This act shall take effect on passage.