

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 602 entitled “An act relating to municipal budget committees” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be
5 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
6 thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2646 is amended to read:

8 § 2646. TOWN OFFICERS; QUALIFICATION; ELECTION

9 At the annual meeting, a town shall choose from among its legally qualified
10 voters the following town officers, who shall serve until the next annual
11 meeting and until successors are chosen, unless otherwise provided by law:

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13 (17) Three water commissioners unless the town votes to elect
14 additional selectboard members, in which case the number of water
15 commissioners shall, at the discretion of the selectboard, be the same as the
16 number of members that comprise the selectboard. The commissioners shall
17 be elected by ballot if the town has so ordered; otherwise they shall be
18 appointed by the selectboard as provided in section 2651 of this chapter;

19 (18) Five members of an advisory budget committee, if the town so
20 orders, unless the town votes to elect additional advisory budget committee

1 members. The advisory budget committee members shall be elected by ballot,
2 unless the town votes to have those members appointed by the selectboard.

3 Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. chapter 33, subchapter 14 is added to read:

4 Subchapter 14. Budget Committee

5 § 1147. ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE CREATION; DUTIES

6 If a municipality creates an advisory budget committee as provided in
7 17 V.S.A. § 2646, the committee shall evaluate the municipality's budget and
8 make recommendations to the selectboard for the budget based on its findings.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

11 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative [surname]

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FOR THE COMMITTEE