

1 H.718

2 Introduced by Representative Batchelor of Derby

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Village of Derby Line;
6 amendment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
8 amendments to the charter of the Village of Derby Line.

9 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of
10 Derby Line

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

12 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

13 The General Assembly approves amendments to the charter of the Village
14 of Derby Line as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendment were approved
15 by the voters on August 20, 2013.

16 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 217 is amended to read:

17 CHAPTER 217. VILLAGE OF DERBY LINE

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1 Subchapter 2. Annual and Special Meetings

2 § 201. WARNING OF MEETING AND QUALIFIED VOTERS

3 (a) The annual meetings of ~~said corporation~~ the Village of Derby Line shall
4 be ~~held~~ held on the first Tuesday in April in each year at such hour as the
5 notice ~~hereinafter mentioned~~ shall state, in the ~~town hall~~ Town Hall in ~~said~~
6 ~~village~~ the Village, or at such other time and place as ~~said corporation~~ the
7 Village shall hereafter appoint, ~~of which a notice,~~

8 (b) Notice for such meetings shall be posted in at least three public places
9 in ~~said village~~ the Village, at least ten days previous to ~~said a meeting, which,~~
10 The notice shall be signed by the ~~clerk of the corporation~~ Clerk of the Village,
11 and, in case of the ~~clerk's~~ Clerk's failure so to do, by a majority of the ~~trustees~~
12 Trustees of ~~said village~~ the Village, and for want of ~~such trustees~~ the Trustees,
13 or upon their failure so to do, by a majority of the justices of the peace residing
14 in ~~said village; and whenever~~ the Village.

15 (c) Whenever five legal voters residing in ~~said village~~ the Village shall so
16 request, the ~~clerk~~ Clerk, and upon the ~~clerk's~~ Clerk's neglect or refusal, the
17 ~~trustees~~ Trustees may call a special meeting of ~~said corporation~~ the Village,
18 giving ~~like~~ notice of the ~~same~~ special meeting as provided in subsection (b) of
19 this section, and specifying in ~~said the~~ the notice the object of ~~said the~~ the special
20 meeting and the business to be done at the ~~same; and at such meetings none but~~
21 ~~inhabitants qualified to vote in town meeting in said town and who shall have~~

1 ~~resided for one year within the bounds of said corporation shall be entitled to~~
2 ~~vote~~ special meeting.

3 (d) At a meeting held under this section, only the inhabitants of the Village
4 who meet the qualifications of 17 V.S.A. § 2121 and who are on the voter
5 checklist of the Village shall be entitled to vote.

6 § 202. OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

7 (a) At the annual meeting of ~~said corporation~~ the Village, the
8 following officers shall be elected, by ballot if called for, for the ensuing year
9 except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, and until their successors
10 are chosen;

11 (1) a ~~moderator~~ Moderator, who shall preside at all meetings of ~~said~~
12 ~~corporation~~ the Village with powers of moderators at town meetings;

13 (2) a ~~clerk~~ Clerk, who shall keep a record of the proceedings of
14 meetings of ~~said corporation~~ the Village, with power to certify to copies of the
15 same, and who shall perform all the duties of a clerk;

16 (3) three ~~trustees~~ Trustees, subject to the provisions ~~hereinafter~~
17 ~~contained~~ of subsection (d) of this section, who shall have the management of
18 the affairs of ~~said corporation~~ the Village, with the necessary powers for that
19 purpose, who may fill vacancies in the offices of ~~said corporation;~~ the Village,
20 may act by a majority, and of whom the oldest in office present at any meeting

1 of said ~~corporation~~ the Village shall preside; when the ~~moderator~~ Moderator is
2 absent;

3 (4) a ~~treasurer and a collector~~ Treasurer, who shall be sworn and shall
4 discharge the usual duties of a treasurer;

5 (5) a Tax Collector, who shall be sworn and shall discharge the usual
6 duties of ~~such officers, and shall give bonds in such sums as said corporation~~
7 ~~shall direct for the faithful performance of the same, within ten days after their~~
8 ~~election or appointment or the office shall be vacant~~ a tax collector; and

9 (6) such other officers as ~~said by laws~~ the bylaws of the Village require;
10 ~~and such officers, who~~ shall have all the powers necessary for the purposes of
11 their office.

12 (b) The Treasurer and the Tax Collector shall give bonds within 10 days
13 after their election or appointment in such sums as the Village shall direct for
14 the faithful performance of their duties. Failure to give such a bond within that
15 time period shall cause the office to be vacant.

16 (c) Candidates for the offices of Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector do not
17 need to be residents of the Village, but shall be residents of the Town of Derby
18 as shown by their inclusion on the Town voter checklist.

19 (d) There shall be elected at the annual meeting of 1911 three ~~trustees~~
20 Trustees for a term of one, two, and three years, respectively, and thereafter, at
21 each annual meeting, a ~~trustee~~ one Trustee shall be elected for the term of three

1 years, to succeed the ~~trustee~~ Trustee whose term expires, ~~and a.~~ A vacancy in
2 such office may be filled at an annual meeting.

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4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.