

Act No. M-22 (H.886). Municipal charters; Town of Brattleboro; amendments

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro

This act amends the charter of the Town of Brattleboro. The amendments allow for a voter choosing to vote early by Australian ballot in the Town Clerk's office to vote in the same manner as those voting on election day by marking the ballot and depositing the ballot into a vote tabulator. The amendments provide requirements for securing the vote tabulator and ballot bin. Under the act, the Town Clerk must maintain records that certify the security of the vote tabulator and that list those voters who voted early in person. All other provisions regarding early voting shall be as proscribed by State law.

Additionally, the charter amendments now require that a Town Meeting member prepare a "notice of intent" if the member would like to nominate himself or herself as a candidate for reelection to the office. Such a notice must be filed with the Town Clerk on the sixth Monday preceding the election, as opposed to the former law's seventh Monday. This new deadline is the same as the current deadline to file a "certificate of nomination" for other Town Meeting member candidates.

Effective Date: May 17, 2016