

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 880 entitled “An act relating to “ respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
5 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

7 The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of
8 the Town of Bridport as set forth in this act. The voters approved the charter
9 on March 1, 2016.

10 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 107A is added to read:

11 CHAPTER 107A. TOWN OF BRIDPORT

12 Subchapter 1. Corporate Existence Retained

13 § 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

14 (a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly, there is
15 hereby enacted a charter to govern the organization and operation of local
16 government in the Town of Bridport.

17 (b) The inhabitants of the Town of Bridport, within the geographical limits
18 as now established, shall continue to be a municipal corporation by the name
19 of the Town of Bridport.

1 (2) A Town Clerk who shall not simultaneously hold any elective office
2 within Town government. The Town Clerk shall:

3 (A) be open to the public at hours adopted by the Selectboard; and

4 (B) perform those duties adopted by the Selectboard and required by
5 State law.

6 (b) The Selectboard shall adopt and revise, from time to time, a general
7 statement of the qualifications necessary to perform the duties and
8 responsibilities of each of these appointed Town offices and a job description
9 of those offices. These appointed officers shall exercise all the powers and
10 duties necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter as well as those
11 provided by State law generally.

12 (c) These appointed officers shall be employees of the Town, subject to all
13 personnel and employment rules, regulations, and policies of the Town. An
14 officer appointed hereunder shall be eligible to apply for reappointment at the
15 expiration of his or her term of office, but failure by the Selectboard to make
16 such reappointment shall not be construed as discharge from employment.

17 (d) A person appointed to the position of Town Treasurer or Town Clerk
18 need not be a resident or voter of the Town.

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Subchapter 4. Separability

§ 4. SEPARABILITY

If any provision of this chapter is held invalid, the other provisions of the chapter shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

On July 15, 2016, the terms of the elected Town Treasurer and Town Clerk in office on that date shall expire. Thereafter, a Town Treasurer and Town Clerk shall be appointed by the Selectboard as provided in Sec. 2 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 107A, § 3.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE