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2 Introduced by Representatives Walz of Barre City, Poirier of Barre City,  
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4 Winooski, Lucke of Hartford, Morrissey of Bennington,  
5 Stevens of Waterbury, and Tate of Mendon

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Barre;  
9 amendments

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
11 amendments to the charter of the City of Barre.

12 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of  
13 Barre

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

15 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

16 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
17 of Barre as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendments were approved by  
18 the voters on March 1, 2016.

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

2 CHAPTER 1. CITY OF BARRE

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4 Subchapter 2. Elections and City Meetings

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6 § 205. OFFICERS ELECTED

7 (a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor, a First Constable, and  
8 one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.

9 (2) Annually, the legal voters of each ward shall elect from among the  
10 legal voters of their respective wards one councilor for a term of two years.

11 (3) Annually, the legal voters shall elect ~~three~~ school commissioners to  
12 serve for a term of three years, as follows:

13 (A) at the 2019 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year  
14 cycle after that, three school commissioners;

15 (B) at the 2020 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year  
16 cycle after that, two school commissioners;

17 (C) at the 2021 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year  
18 cycle after that, two school commissioners.

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1 Subchapter 5. Departments and Boards

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3 ARTICLE 9. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

4 § 516. POWERS AND DUTIES

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as  
6 herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers, and liabilities  
7 prescribed for school directors of town school districts. They shall compose  
8 the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Barre School District, with  
9 the same duties, powers, and liabilities of the board of school directors of a  
10 town school district. The Board of School Commissioners shall consist of ~~nine~~  
11 seven members, each serving a term of three years.

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13 Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

14 (a) Notwithstanding Secs. 2 and 3 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 1,  
15 §§ 205 (officers elected) and 516 (powers and duties), which provide that there  
16 shall be seven school commissioners, the City of Barre Board of School  
17 Commissioners shall consist of nine school commissioners until the 2017  
18 annual City meeting.

19 (b) In order to transition to the provisions of Secs. 2 and 3 of this act, which  
20 provide that there shall be seven school commissioners:

1           (1) at the 2017 annual City meeting, one school commissioner shall be  
2           elected for a term of three years;

3           (2) at the 2018 annual City meeting, two school commissioners shall be  
4           elected for a term of three years and one school commissioner shall be elected  
5           for a term of two years.

6           Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

7           This act shall take effect on passage.