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

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town of Hartford as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendments were approved by the voters on November 8, 2016.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 123A is amended to read:

CHAPTER 123A. TOWN OF HARTFORD

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§ 104. LOCAL OPTION TAX

The Town of Hartford is authorized to levy a tax of one percent on rooms, meals, and alcoholic beverages, the net proceeds of which are to be deposited in a capital reserve fund until directed otherwise by vote of the Town.

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§ 201. TOWN MEETING

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(e) Meetings, dates, times, votes, ballots:

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(2) Australian ballot/election day. Australian ballot/election day shall be on Vermont Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March, at which time any business, budgets, and candidate election involving Australian ballots will be transacted beginning at 7 a.m. until closing at 7 p.m. The Town budget as warned by the Selectboard and the School District budget as warned by the School Board shall be submitted to the electorate at this Town election. All matters relating to the adoption of the Town and School District budgets shall be considered by Australian ballot. A majority vote shall be a simple majority of votes cast in this election. Under this subdivision:

(A) The time and place of a recount or a new vote on any question other than Town and School District budgets shall be determined by the Board of Civil Authority preceded by warning notice and public hearing. A tie vote on Town or School District budgets shall be deemed to be a negative vote and reconsideration of any defeated budget shall proceed as provided in subdivision ~~(3)~~(2) of this subsection.

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(3) Floor meeting. The annual Town and School District floor meeting shall be called for the fourth Saturday following the Australian ballot/election day held under subdivision (2) of this subsection. ~~If the Town or School District budget fails in the Australian ballot, deciding votes at the floor meeting shall provide a further opportunity for consideration of any rejected budget and~~

~~a final vote by the Town voters. In addition to budget votes, the~~ The floor  
meeting may consider:

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.