

1 H.534

2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Calais; adoption
6 and codification

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve the
8 adoption of and codify the charter of the Town of Calais.

9 An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of
10 the Town of Calais

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

12 Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

13 The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of
14 the Town of Calais as set forth in this act. The voters approved this charter on
15 March 7, 2017.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 108C is added to read:

2 CHAPTER 108C. TOWN OF CALAIS

3 § 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

4 (a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly, there is
5 hereby enacted a charter to govern the organization and operation of local
6 government in the Town of Calais.

7 (b) The inhabitants of the Town of Calais, within the geographical limits as
8 now established, shall continue to be a municipal corporation by the name of
9 the Town of Calais.

10 § 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION

11 (a) The Town of Calais shall have all powers granted to towns and
12 municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State and this
13 chapter, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution
14 all the powers therein granted.

15 (b) Except when changed, enlarged, or modified by the provisions of this
16 chapter, all provisions of the statutes of the State applying to towns and
17 municipal corporations shall apply to the Town.

18 (c) In this chapter, any mention of a particular power shall not be construed
19 to restrict the scope of the powers that the Town would have if the particular
20 power were not mentioned, unless this chapter otherwise provides.

1 (d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any way the
2 powers and functions conferred on the Town, the Selectboard, or its elected or
3 appointed officers by general or special enactment of State statutes or rules in
4 force or effect or hereafter enacted, and the powers and functions conferred by
5 this chapter shall be cumulative and in addition to the provisions of the general
6 or special enactment unless this chapter otherwise provides.

7 § 3. TREASURER

8 The Selectboard shall annually appoint a Town Treasurer who shall perform
9 all the duties of town treasurers as required by State statute and those
10 additional duties specified by the Selectboard. The Town Treasurer shall be
11 the collector of current taxes. The Town Treasurer shall not be Treasurer of
12 the Town School District. The Town Treasurer need not be a resident or voter
13 of Calais and shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectboard.

14 § 4. AUDITOR

15 The Selectboard shall annually appoint a Town Auditor who shall perform
16 all the duties of Town Auditors as required by State statute and those
17 additional duties specified by the Selectboard. The Town Auditor need not be
18 a resident or voter of Calais and shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectboard.
19 Not less than every three years, the Selectboard shall contract with a public
20 accountant, licensed in this State, to perform a financial audit of all funds of
21 the Town.

1 § 5. SEVERABILITY

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

4 Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

5 (a) The Town Treasurer in office immediately prior to the effective date of
6 this act may continue to hold that office until July 1, 2017. On that date, the
7 term of the elected Town Treasurer shall expire and a Town Treasurer
8 shall be appointed by the Selectboard as provided in 24 App. V.S.A.
9 chapter 108C, § 3.

10 (b) The Town Auditors in office immediately prior to the effective date of
11 this act may continue to hold that office until July 1, 2017. On that date, the
12 terms of the elected Town Auditors shall expire and a Town Auditor shall be
13 appointed by the Selectboard as provided in 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 108C, § 4.

14 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.