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Introduced by Representatives Christie of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, and
Lucke of Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Hartford;
amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
amendments to the charter of the Town of Hartford.

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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1 § 104. LOCAL OPTION TAX

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

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6 § 201. TOWN MEETING

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

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

19 (A) The time and place of a recount or a new vote on any question
20 other than Town and School District budgets shall be determined by the Board
21 of Civil Authority preceded by warning notice and public hearing. A tie vote

1 on Town or School District budgets shall be deemed to be a negative vote and
2 reconsideration of any defeated budget shall proceed as provided in
3 subdivision ~~(3)~~(2) of this subsection.

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5 (3) Floor meeting. The annual Town and School District floor meeting
6 shall be called for the fourth Saturday following the Australian ballot/election
7 day held under subdivision (2) of this subsection. ~~If the Town or School~~
8 ~~District budget fails in the Australian ballot, deciding votes at the floor meeting~~
9 ~~shall provide a further opportunity for consideration of any rejected budget and~~
10 ~~a final vote by the Town voters. In addition to budget votes, the The floor~~
11 meeting may consider:

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13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.