

1 H.608

2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; local elections; incompatible offices; school director;
6 assistant town treasurer

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
8 school director or spouse of a school director to also hold office as an assistant
9 town treasurer if the school district budgets independently from the town and
10 the school district is audited by an independent public accountant.

11 An act relating to incompatible local offices

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

13 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2647 is amended to read:

14 § 2647. INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

15 (a)(1) An auditor shall not be town clerk, town treasurer, selectboard
16 member, first constable, collector of current or delinquent taxes, trustee of
17 public funds, town manager, road commissioner, water commissioner, sewage
18 system commissioner, sewage disposal commissioner, cemetery commissioner,
19 or town school district director; nor shall a spouse of or any person assisting

1 any of these officers in the discharge of official duties be eligible to hold office
2 as auditor.

3 (2)(A) A selectboard member or school director shall not be first
4 constable, collector of taxes, town treasurer, assistant town treasurer, auditor,
5 or town agent.

6 (B) A selectboard member shall not be lister or assessor.

7 (3) A cemetery commissioner or library trustee shall not be town
8 treasurer, assistant town treasurer, or auditor.

9 (4) A town manager shall not hold any elective office in that town or
10 town school district.

11 (5) Election officers at local elections shall be disqualified as provided
12 in section 2456 of this title.

13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if a school district
14 prepares and reports its budget independently from the budget of the town and
15 the school district is audited by an independent public accountant, a school
16 director or spouse of a school director shall be eligible to hold office as auditor
17 or town treasurer, or assistant town treasurer.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.