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2 Introduced by Representatives Redmond of Essex, Black of Essex, and

3 Vyhovsky of Essex

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Essex;

7 amendments

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
9 amendments to the charter of the Town of Essex to authorize the expansion of
10 the Town Selectboard to six members. This bill also proposes to amend the
11 Town charter to require that three Selectboard members be elected from
12 outside the Village of Essex Junction, and three members be elected from
13 within the Village.

14 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of
15 Essex

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

17 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

18 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town
19 of Essex as set forth in this act. The voters approved proposals of amendment
20 on March 3, 2020.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117, § 202 is amended to read:

2 § 202. ~~SELECTMEN~~ SELECTBOARD - NUMBER, TERMS OF OFFICE,
3 ELECTION

4 (a) There shall be a ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Selectboard consisting of ~~five~~ six
5 members.

6 (b) The terms of office of ~~selectmen~~ Selectboard members shall be for three
7 years.

8 (c) Unless necessary to fill a vacancy, ~~no~~ not more than two ~~selectmen~~
9 members shall be elected at any annual meeting. Notwithstanding, the terms
10 of the presently elected ~~selectmen~~ members shall not be modified by this
11 section.

12 (d) All ~~selectmen~~ Selectboard members shall be elected ~~at large~~ as follows:
13 three from inside the Village of Essex Junction; three from outside the Village.

14 Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; ELECTION OF SELECTBOARD
15 MEMBERS

16 (a) In the year 2021, a new member of the Selectboard shall be elected by
17 the voters of the Town outside the Village. The member shall serve until a
18 successor is elected at the annual Town meeting in 2024.

19 (b) At the annual Town meeting in 2022, and at each annual Town meeting
20 thereafter, two members of the Selectboard shall be elected as follows: one

1 member from inside the Village of Essex Junction and one from outside the
2 Village.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.