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Introduced by Representatives LaClair of Barre Town and McFaun of Barre

Town

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Barre;

amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve

amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre.

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

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 Barre as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of amendment
on June 2, 2020.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 101 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 101. TOWN OF BARRE

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1 § 4. CONDUCT

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3 (b) The Town Clerk shall be the presiding official at all Town elections and
4 shall cooperate with the Board of Civil Authority to assure that all laws
5 relating to elections are faithfully observed. While the polls are open, the
6 Town Clerk may rule on all questions concerning the conduct of the election,
7 and shall not be disqualified from performing any such duties by reason of his
8 or her own candidacy for any office. In the Town Clerk's absence, an
9 Assistant Town Clerk who is a registered voter of the Town shall preside. If
10 neither the Town Clerk or an Assistant Clerk who is a registered voter of the
11 Town is available, the members of the Board of Civil Authority who are
12 present ~~may~~ shall designate ~~one of their members~~ a registered voter of the
13 Town to perform the Town Clerk's duties under this section.

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15 § 10. ELECTED OFFICERS; GENERAL

16 (a) The following officers shall be elected by the legal voters of the Town
17 of Barre and voting for the officers shall be by Australian ballot:

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19 (5) ~~One Clerk-Treasurer~~ Clerk.

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1 § 25. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

2 (a) Within two years following the effective date of this charter, the Town
3 Manager shall prepare and submit to the Selectboard a proposal for an
4 ordinance to be known as the Administrative Code of the Town of Barre. For
5 the purpose of preparing the proposal, the Town Manager may have the
6 assistance of the Town Attorney and shall have the authority to request a
7 committee of citizens to assist in the preparation of the proposal. The proposal
8 shall be a comprehensive code of administrative organization and procedure
9 for the Town and, at a minimum, shall include the following:

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11 (2) ~~A complete personnel policy for Town employees.~~

12 (3) A detailed outline of financial procedures to be followed by the Town
13 including purchasing policy, expenditure of appropriated funds, the system of
14 accounting for the Town, and the form and frequency of financial reports.

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16 § 27. COMMITTEE OF FIVE

17 Annually, prior to January 31, a committee of five voters shall be appointed
18 to review, with the Selectboard members, the proposed Town budget. Their
19 terms shall expire upon final adoption of the budget. The Selectboard members
20 shall appoint two members and the ~~Clerk-Treasurer~~ Clerk, one member; these
21 three shall appoint two additional members.

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§ 34. BOARD OF ABATEMENT

(a) The Board of Civil Authority, together with the ~~listers~~ Treasurer and the Assessor, shall constitute the Board of Abatement. The Chair and Clerk of the Board of Civil Authority shall serve as the Chair and Clerk, respectively, of the Board of Abatement.

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§ 38. APPOINTED OFFICERS

(a) The Selectboard, by majority vote, shall appoint the following Town officers for the terms indicated:

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(5) An Assessor, who may be hired or contracted upon such terms as the Selectboard shall deem reasonable.

(6) A Treasurer and any Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his or her duties. The bond shall be of a sum and with a surety as prescribed and approved by the Selectboard, and the premium for the bond shall be paid by the Town. In addition, the Treasurer shall:

(A) Keep account of monies, bonds, notes, and evidences of debt paid or delivered to him or her and of monies paid out by him or her for the Town.

1 (1) Town ~~Clerk-Treasurer~~ Clerk.

2 (2) Constable.

3 (3) Town Attorney.

4 (4) Tax Collector.

5 (5) Town Manager.

6 (6) Board of Civil Authority.

7 (7) Board of Abatement.

8 (8) Treasurer.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.