

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 491 entitled “An act relating to the creation of the City of Essex  
4 Junction and the adoption of the City charter” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 4 (City of Essex Junction), in  
7 section 204 (election of governing body officers), by striking out subsection  
8 (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d) to read as  
9 follows:

10 (d) In the event that a Councilor is no longer a resident of the City prior to  
11 the expiration of the Councilor’s term, the Councilor’s office shall be deemed  
12 vacant. The Council may appoint a person to fill the vacant office until a  
13 successor can be elected at the next annual election.

14 Second: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 4 (City of Essex Junction), in  
15 subsection 602(e) (powers of City Manager), immediately following the words  
16 “investigation pursuant to subdivision” by striking out “301(b)(4)” and  
17 inserting in lieu thereof “201(b)(4)” before the words “of this charter”

18 Third: In Sec. 4, transition period, in subsection (a), in the third sentence,  
19 immediately following the words “pay for consolidated services with the Town  
20 of Essex for”, by striking out the word and comma “administration,” preceding

1 the word “assessing” and striking out the word and comma “finance,”  
2 preceding the words “information technology”

3 Fourth: By inserting a new Sec. 16 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 16. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE; APPOINTMENT

5 The Governor may appoint up to 15 justices of the peace to serve in the City  
6 of Essex Junction, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2623. The committees for the  
7 political parties of the justices of peace of the Town of Essex may submit  
8 recommendations for qualified justices of the peace to the Governor for  
9 consideration. The appointed justices of the peace shall serve until successors  
10 may be elected at the 2022 general election.

11 and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

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13 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE