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- Introduced by Committee on Government Operations
 Date:
 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington;
 amendment
- 5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve an
- 6 amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington to adopt ranked choice
- 7 voting for City elections.

8	An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of
9	Burlington

- 10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
- 11 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL
- 12 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City
- 13 of Burlington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of
- 14 amendment on March 2, 2021.

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- 15 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:
- 16 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON
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§ 5. ELECTION TO BE BY BALLOT; METHOD OF ELECTION; RUNOFF ELECTIONS

3 (a) The election of the Mayor and all City councilors and school 4 commissioners shall be by ballot, and the person or persons receiving a 5 plurality of all votes cast for any office aforesaid shall, except as hereinafter 6 provided, be declared elected thereto. However, if no person receives at least 7 40 percent of all votes cast for any office aforesaid, no one shall be declared 8 elected and a runoff election shall be held. The only candidates in the runoff 9 election shall be the two persons receiving the greater number of votes or, in 10 case of a tie, the persons receiving the greatest number of votes or the persons 11 receiving the second greatest number of votes. The Chief Administrative 12 Officer shall within seven days warn a runoff election to be held not less than 13 12 days nor more than 20 days after the date of the warning. The warning shall 14 be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and posted in a 15 public place. The person or persons receiving a plurality of all the votes cast in 16 a runoff election shall be declared elected. 17 (b) All elections of City Councilors shall be by ballot, using a system of 18 ranked choice voting without a separate runoff election. The Chief

- 19 Administrative Officer shall implement a ranked choice voting protocol
- 20 <u>according to these guidelines:</u>

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1	(1) The ballot shall give voters the option of ranking candidates in order
2	of preference.
3	(2) If a candidate receives a majority (over 50 percent) of first
4	preferences, that candidate is elected.
5	(3) If no candidate receives a majority of first preferences, an instant
6	runoff tabulation shall be performed by the presiding election officer.
7	(4) The City Council may adopt ordinances consistent with this
8	subsection to implement these standards.
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10	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
11	This act shall take effect on passage.