No. M-18. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Essex Junction.

(H.516)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

<u>The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City</u> of Essex Junction as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of

amendment on April 11, 2023.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 4 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 4. CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION

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§ 206. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; PROHIBITIONS

(a) Holding other office. No Council member shall hold any City employment during the term for which they were elected to the Council, <u>unless</u> <u>allowed by State statute</u>. A Council member may be appointed to represent the City on other boards except as pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2647. No former Council member shall hold any compensated appointive municipal office or employment, except for poll worker, until one year after the expiration of the term for which they were elected to the legislative body.

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§ 302. MODERATOR

The voters at the City Annual Meeting Council shall elect appoint a Moderator who shall preside at the next City Annual Informational Meeting. The term of Moderator shall be one year. Only qualified voters of the City of Essex Junction shall be eligible to hold the office of Moderator.

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§ 401. CITY MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

(a) The voters <u>Annually on or before January 1, the Council</u> shall at each annual meeting vote to set the date of the next annual meeting, at which time the voters shall vote for the election of officers, the voting on the City budget, and any other business included in the warnings for the meetings.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: March 13, 2024