

1 H.146

2 Introduced by Representatives Sims of Craftsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury,

3 Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Templeman of

4 Brownington, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Granby

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Northeast Kingdom

8 Waste Management District

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
10 amendments to the charter of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management  
11 District to allow the District's Board of Supervisors to adopt the District  
12 budget.

13 An act relating to amendments to the charter of the Northeast Kingdom  
14 Waste Management District

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

16 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

17 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the  
18 Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District as set forth in this act. The  
19 District's Board of Supervisors approved the proposals of amendment on  
20 December 13, 2022.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 411 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 411. NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT

3 DISTRICT

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5 § 403. BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

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7 (b) The Board of Supervisors shall review the proposed budget in light of  
8 the oral comments received at hearings and written comments received up to  
9 and including the day of the public hearing and shall prepare a final budget to  
10 be acted upon by the Board of Supervisors by January 15<sup>th</sup> ~~to be acted upon at~~  
11 ~~the annual meeting of the District.~~

12 (c) If the annual budget for any fiscal year is not approved as of the  
13 beginning of that fiscal year, the District shall continue to operate on the  
14 budget for the immediately preceding fiscal year until a new budget is  
15 approved.

16 (d) Notwithstanding any disapproval of the budget, the District shall be  
17 obligated to pay the principal of and interest on bonds, notes, and other  
18 evidence of indebtedness of the District; to satisfy any other obligations  
19 relating to the bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness; and to pay  
20 obligations under any long-term contracts. To the extent provided by the terms  
21 of the bonds, notes, other evidence of indebtedness, or long-term contracts,

1 each member municipality shall be obligated to pay its share of the  
2 indebtedness and obligations under long-term contracts. Unless otherwise  
3 provided in the vote authorizing the same, a municipality's share of  
4 indebtedness shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors and shall be in  
5 an amount proportionate to the actual or estimated tonnage or volume of solid  
6 waste generated by that municipality as determined by the Board of  
7 Supervisors pursuant to section 404 of this charter.

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9 § 501. ANNUAL MEETINGS

10 Annual meetings of the District shall be held on the first Tuesday in March  
11 for the purpose of member towns ~~adopting a the budget for the ensuing fiscal~~  
12 ~~year, and for the purpose of conducting~~ consideration of any other properly  
13 warned District business.

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15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.