1	H.271
2 3	An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield
4	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
5	Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL
6	The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town
7	of Springfield as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of
8	amendment on November 3, 2020.
9	Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 149 is amended to read:
10	CHAPTER 149. TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
11	* * *
12	§ 5. ORDINANCES
13	* * *
14	(c) Ordinance adoption procedure, other than zoning and subdivision
15	bylaws.
16	* * *
17	(2) There shall be five categories of action as follows:
18	* * *
19	(D) minor amendment—minor adjustment in meaning, procedure, or
20	definition; and
21	(E) emergency ordinance as defined herein in subsection (f) of this
22	section <del>;</del>

l	(F) changes in the Town's zoning and subdivision bylaws.
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3	§ 11. PROCEDURES FOR CHARTER REVISION AND AMENDMENT
4	* * *
5	(b) The procedure for charter amendment shall be as follows:
6	(1) The Selectboard shall appoint a Charter Review Committee of not
7	less than 11 members, which shall include two representatives from the
8	Selectboard and two representatives from the administration, one of which
9	must be the Town Clerk, with the majority from the community at large. All
10	voting members must be registered voters of the Town.
11	* * *
12	§ 22. TOWN MEETING; ELECTIONS
13	* * *
14	(b) Meetings and Elections.
15	* * *
16	(5) Presiding officials at Town meeting and elections.
17	* * *
18	(F) In the absence of the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk,
19	should it occur before an election, the Board of Civil Authority shall, upon
20	notice, immediately meet and designate an Acting Clerk for the duration of the
21	election. Should the absence occur on election day, the Board of Civil

1	Authority members present at the election shall designate an Acting Clerk to
2	preside for the duration of the election.
3	* * *
4	§ 23. LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS
5	* * *
6	(c) Elected officers, duties, responsibilities, and conduct.
7	(1) Selectboard.
8	* * *
9	(E) Meetings. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with
10	Vermont's Open Meeting Law, 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 2.
11	* * *
12	(iv) Quorums; votes.
13	* * *
14	(II) All voting shall be by individual roll call vote The minutes
15	of the meeting will record the vote of each Selectboard member.
16	* * *
17	§ 34. ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY FUNCTIONS PRESCRIBED BY
18	CHARTER
19	* * *
20	(b) Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Attorney.

1	(1) The Selectboard shall appoint and remove, on the basis of
2	qualifications and performance alone, a Town Clerk, Grand Juror, Town
3	Treasurer, and Town Attorney.
4	* * *
5	§ 42. TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET TIMETABLE AND
6	PREPARATION
7	* * *
8	(d) Drafting of annual budget.
9	(1) Unified administrative request. The Town Manager shall, after
10	consultation with department heads, submit to the Selectboard and the Budget
11	Advisory Committee a single budget request from the administration for all
12	departments.
13	* * *
14	§ 44. RESERVE FUNDS
15	(a) The Selectboard may raise and appropriate money for the establishment
16	of capital reserve or equipment reserve funds for the financing of all or part of:
17	* * *
18	§ 49. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND TOWN BUDGET
19	(a) Finance Director.
20	* * *

1	(2) The Finance Director shall be a member of the Town administration
2	and be subject to all rules and regulations of the Town administration, and may
3	<u>not</u> be the Town Treasurer or a Selectboard member.
4	* * *
5	(c) Independent audit.
6	(1) The Selectboard shall provide for an annual independent audit of all
7	Town accounts and may require for any special audit it deems necessary.
8	* * *
9	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
10	This act shall take effect on passage.