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2 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of
3 Brattleboro

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 Brattleboro as set forth in this act. Voters approved proposals of
8 amendment on March 5, 2019.

9 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 107 is amended to read:

10 CHAPTER 107. TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO

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12 § 2.1. DEFINITIONS

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14 (c) “Youth voter” means any person who is 16 to 18 years of age and is
15 otherwise qualified to vote in Town elections pursuant to 17 V.S.A. chapter 43,
16 subchapter 1.

17 § 2.2. ELECTED OFFICERS

18 On the first Tuesday in March, the voters and youth voters of the Town
19 shall elect by Australian ballot the following:

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21 (3) ~~A Board of five school directors, elected at large, of whom two shall~~
22 ~~serve for one year and three shall serve for three years. [Repealed.]~~

1 voter on election day, provided that the voter completes an early voting form
2 required by the Town Clerk.

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4 § 2.4. REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

5 (a) Description:

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7 (2) The Representative Town Meeting consists of up to 140 elected
8 voters and youth voters. It is a guiding body for the Town and a source of
9 ideas, proposals, and comments, elected by district as defined by the Board of
10 Civil Authority. It exercises exclusively all powers vested in the voters of the
11 Town. In addition to the elected members, the following shall be members ex
12 officio: the members of the Selectboard, the School Directors, the Treasurer,
13 the Clerk, the Moderator, and those State Senators and State Representatives
14 who reside in Brattleboro. Representative Town Meeting shall act upon all
15 articles on the Town meeting warning except those that relate to the election of
16 officers, referenda, and other matters voted upon by Australian ballot.

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18 § 2.5. SELECTBOARD

19 The Selectboard is a legislative body of five persons elected at large by the
20 voters and youth voters of the Town. The Selectboard directs the affairs of the
21 Town within areas specified in subchapter 4 of this charter.

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§ 2.11. ELECTED YOUTH VOTER; AUTHORITY

A youth voter who is elected to a Town office shall be capable of performing all duties and exercising all powers of that office, including the formation and execution of contracts relating to the office or official duties.

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§ 4.1. COMPOSITION; ELIGIBILITY; ELECTIONS; TERMS

(a) The Selectboard shall be elected at large by the voters and youth voters of the Town from among their number, and newly elected Selectboard members' terms shall begin on the first Monday following the final adjournment of the annual Representative Town Meeting.

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§ 10.3. ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS; CERTIFICATION OF VOTERS; TOWN MEETING MEMBERSHIP; NOTICE; QUALIFICATION; RESPONSIBILITIES

(a)(1) At the first election of Town Meeting members to be held on the first Tuesday in March after the acceptance of this subchapter, the qualified voters of each district shall elect three Town Meeting members for every 180 voters or major fraction thereof, subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. The first one-third elected in each district, in order of the number of votes received, shall serve for three years; the second one-third in ~~such~~ the

1 order of election shall serve for two years; and the remaining one-third in ~~such~~
2 the order of election shall be elected to serve for one year. In the event of a tie
3 vote the term of such members shall be designated by lot, and the presiding
4 officer of the district shall certify ~~such~~ the designation. All Town Meeting
5 members shall serve for terms commencing on the day of their election.

6 (2) Annually thereafter, on the first Tuesday in March, the voters and
7 youth voters of each district shall in like manner elect for the term of three
8 years one Town Meeting member for every 180 voters or major fraction
9 thereof; and shall also in like manner fill for the unexpired term or terms any
10 vacancy or vacancies then existing in the number of Town Meeting members
11 in such district, subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

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13 (e) Every Town Meeting member shall be a qualified voter or youth voter
14 in the Town and living in the district from which ~~he or she~~ the member is
15 chosen at the time of ~~his or her~~ the member's election.

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17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on passage.