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2 3	An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of 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
13	* * *
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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1	(3) A Board of five school directors, elected at large, of whom two shall
2	serve for one year and three shall serve for three years. [Repealed.]
3	(4) Union High School directors, who shall be elected for terms and in
4	numbers as required by State law. [Repealed.]
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6	§ 2.3. MANNER OF ELECTION
7	(a) Representative Town Meeting members: Representative Town Meeting
8	members shall be elected by Australian ballot on the first Tuesday in March of
9	each year. Voters and youth voters in each district shall elect, for staggered
10	terms, three members for every 180 voters or major fraction thereof. Members
11	shall serve for three years, except that a member elected to fill a vacancy shall
12	serve for the remainder of the term. The manner of elections is fully
13	prescribed in 1959 Acts and Resolves No. 302.
14	* * *
15	§ 2.3a. EARLY VOTING
16	(a)(1) A voter choosing to vote early by Australian ballot in the Town
17	Clerk's office shall vote in the same manner as those voting on election day
18	provided that the voter completes a "Request for Early Voter Absentee Ballot
19	and Certification" form stating the following:
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	(4) As authorized for certain Town elections pursuant to this charter, a
	youth voter choosing to vote early shall vote in the same manner as a youth
-	voter on election day, provided that the voter completes an early voting form
1	required by the Town Clerk.
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	§ 2.4. REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
	(a) Description:
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	(2) The Representative Town Meeting consists of up to 140 elected
,	voters and youth voters. It is a guiding body for the Town and a source of

voters <u>and youth voters</u>. It is a guiding body for the Town and a source of ideas, proposals, and comments, elected by district as defined by the Board of Civil Authority. It exercises exclusively all powers vested in the voters of the Town. In addition to the elected members, the following shall be members ex officio: the members of the Selectboard, the School Directors, the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Moderator, and those State Senators and State Representatives who reside in Brattleboro. Representative Town Meeting shall act upon all articles on the Town meeting warning except those that relate to the election of officers, referenda, and other matters voted upon by Australian ballot.

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1	§ 2.5. SELECTBOARD
2	The Selectboard is a legislative body of five persons elected at large by the
3	voters and youth voters of the Town. The Selectboard directs the affairs of the
4	Town within areas specified in subchapter 4 of this charter.
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6	§ 2.11. ELECTED YOUTH VOTER; AUTHORITY
7	A youth voter who is elected to a Town office shall be capable of
8	performing all duties and exercising all powers of that office, including the
9	formation and execution of contracts relating to the office or official duties.
10	* * *
11	§ 4.1. COMPOSITION; ELIGIBILITY; ELECTIONS; TERMS
12	(a) The Selectboard shall be elected at large by the voters <u>and youth voters</u>
13	of the Town from among their number, and newly elected Selectboard
14	members' terms shall begin on the first Monday following the final
15	adjournment of the annual Representative Town Meeting.
16	* * *
17	§ 10.3. ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS; CERTIFICATION
18	OF VOTERS; TOWN MEETING MEMBERSHIP; NOTICE;
19	QUALIFICATION; RESPONSIBILITIES
20	(a)(1) At the first election of Town Meeting members to be held on the first
21	Tuesday in March after the acceptance of this subchapter, the qualified voters
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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 order of election shall serve for two years; and the remaining one-third in such the order of election shall be elected to serve for one year. In the event of a tie vote the term of such members shall be designated by lot, and the presiding officer of the district shall certify such the designation. All Town Meeting members shall serve for terms commencing on the day of their election.

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

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

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- 1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.