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4 Hooper of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington,
5 Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of
6 Burlington

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington;
10 amendments

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
12 amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington to establish new district
13 and ward boundaries for purposes of City elections.

14 An act relating to approval of amendments to the election boundary
15 provisions of the charter of the City of Burlington

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

17 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

18 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City
19 of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of
20 amendment on March 7, 2023.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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4 § 2. ELECTION BOUNDARIES

5 (a) City districts described. For the annual meeting of ~~2015~~ 2024 and all
6 City elections thereafter, the City of Burlington is divided into four electoral
7 districts, constituted as follows:

8 (1) East District. The East District shall include all that part of said City
9 lying easterly and northerly of the following described boundaries: Beginning
10 at the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and Winooski in the
11 Winooski River beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of
12 the Lower Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence westerly in the centerline
13 of said railroad tracks, ~~crossing Intervale Road, for 406.6 feet~~ to a point where
14 the centerline of ~~Hyde Street~~ Intervale Road extended ~~northeasterly~~ northerly
15 intersects said railroad track centerline (~~approximately -73.2045 longitude,~~
16 ~~44.4912 latitude~~) (approximately -73.2028 longitude, 44.4911 latitude); thence
17 southerly along the extension of the centerline of ~~Hyde Street, continuing on~~
18 ~~the centerline of Hyde Street to the intersection of the centerline of North~~
19 ~~Willard Street; thence southerly along the centerline of North Willard Street to~~
20 ~~the intersection of the centerline of Pearl Street; thence westerly along the~~
21 ~~centerline of Pearl Street to the intersection of the centerline of South~~

1 Winooski Avenue; thence southerly along the centerline of South Winooski
2 Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Main Street; thence easterly
3 along the centerline of Main Street to the intersection of the western property
4 line of 525 Main Street extended, containing the Main Street Water Reservoir
5 (approximately -73.1992 longitude, 44.4763 latitude); thence southerly along
6 the western property boundary of 525 Main Street to its southwestern corner
7 approximately -73.1991 longitude, 44.4746 latitude); thence easterly along the
8 southern property boundary of 525 Main Street to its southeastern corner
9 (approximately -73.1984 longitude, 44.4746 latitude); thence southwesterly
10 along the western property boundaries of 49, 55, and 59 University Terrace to
11 the southwestern corner of 59 University Terrace (approximately -73.1987
12 longitude, 44.4742 latitude); thence southeasterly along the southern property
13 boundaries of 59 University Terrace and 60 University Terrace, extended to the
14 centerline of University Heights Road (approximately -73.1964 longitude,
15 44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of University Heights
16 Road 1,314 feet to its intersection with the extended centerline of the walkway
17 serving the University of Vermont Southwick Hall and the Music Building
18 from the Redstone Campus loop road (approximately -73.1968 longitude,
19 44.4698 latitude); thence westerly along the extended walkway and walkway
20 centerline, with the Music Building to the north and Southwick Hall to the
21 south, 367 feet to its intersection with the centerline of the Redstone Campus

1 loop road (approximately -73.1982 longitude, 44.4698 latitude); thence
2 northerly and then westerly along the centerline of the Redstone Campus loop
3 road to its intersection with the centerline of South Prospect Street; thence
4 southerly along the centerline of South Prospect Street to its intersection with
5 the centerline of the Davis Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of
6 Davis Road to its intersection with University Heights Road, continuing
7 easterly along the centerline of Davis Road to its intersection of Intervale
8 Road, crossing Riverside Avenue until the centerline intersects with that of the
9 Archibald Street centerline extended easterly; thence westerly along the
10 Archibald Street centerline until the intersection of the Archibald Street
11 centerline and the North Willard Street centerline; thence southerly along the
12 North Willard Street Centerline until the intersection of the North Willard
13 Street centerline and the Pearl Street Centerline; thence westerly along the
14 Pearl Street centerline until intersecting with the South Winooski Avenue
15 centerline; thence southerly along the South Winooski Avenue centerline
16 until intersecting the Maple Street centerline; thence easterly along the Maple
17 Street centerline for 1573.5 feet to a point where the eastern property boundary
18 of 315 Maple Street extended northerly intersects Maple Street (approximately
19 -73.2064 longitude, 44.4739 latitude); thence southerly along the eastern
20 property boundary of 315 Maple Street for 276.5 feet (approximately -73.2064
21 longitude, 44.4734 latitude); thence 281.4 feet westerly to a point where the

1 southern property boundary of 315 Maple Street extended westerly intersect
2 with the western boundary of 251 South Willard Street extended northerly
3 (approximately -73.2071 longitude, 44.4733 latitude), thence 723.7 feet 177°
4 southerly to a point where it intersects the southern property boundary of 285
5 South Willard Street extended westerly (approximately -73.2071 longitude,
6 44.4719 latitude); thence easterly along the southern boundary of 285 South
7 Willard Street for 696.5 feet until intersecting with the South Willard Street
8 centerline (approximately -73.2051 longitude, 44.472 latitude); thence
9 northerly along the South Willard Street centerline for 220.9 feet
10 (approximately -73.2052 longitude, 44.4724 latitude); thence easterly along
11 the southern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 557.6 feet
12 (approximately -73.2037 longitude, 44.4725 latitude); thence northerly along
13 the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 89.6 feet to a
14 point where the Juniper Terrace centerline extended westerly intersects the
15 eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street (approximately -
16 73.2037 longitude, 44.4726 latitude); thence following the Juniper Terrace
17 centerline easterly until intersecting with the Summit Street centerline
18 (approximately -73.2021 longitude, 44.4727 latitude); thence northerly
19 along the Summit Street centerline until reaching the centerline of Main Street
20 thence following the Main Street centerline easterly 2339.6 feet
21 (approximately -73.1964 longitude, 44.4753 latitude); thence southwesterly

1 214° for 136.1 feet (approximately -73.1966 longitude, 44.4751 latitude);
2 thence southeasterly 98.2 feet (approximately -73.1964 longitude, 44.4749
3 latitude); thence southwesterly by 213° for 770 feet (approximately -73.1975
4 longitude, 44.4737 latitude); thence southeasterly by 123° for 477.4 feet until
5 intersecting with the University Heights centerline (approximately -73.1964
6 longitude, 44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of
7 University Heights Road 1221.65 feet until intersecting with the PFG Road
8 centerline, thence westerly by 79° until intersecting with the common
9 boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

10 (2) Central District. The Central District shall include all that part of
11 the City bounded as follows: On the east, beginning at the common boundary
12 between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River
13 ~~at the intersection of a point intersecting with~~ the centerline of Institute Road
14 extended northeasterly (approximately ~~-73.2139~~ -73.2147 longitude, ~~44.5077~~
15 44.5089 latitude); thence southerly along the common boundary between the
16 City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River to a point
17 beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of the Lower
18 Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence ~~southerly~~ westerly along the East
19 District ~~western~~ northern boundary ~~to its intersection with the centerline of~~
20 ~~Main Street; continuing southerly along the centerline of South Winooski~~
21 ~~Avenue to~~ for 406.6 feet to its intersection with the westerly boundary of the

1 East District; thence southerly along the westerly boundary of the East District
2 to its intersection with the centerline of Archibald Street, then southerly along
3 the East District western boundary to the intersection with the centerline of
4 Pearl Street; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the East District
5 to the intersection with the centerline of South Winooski Avenue; thence
6 southerly along the western boundary of the East District to the centerline of
7 Maple Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Maple Street until its
8 intersection with the centerline of South Champlain street; thence northerly
9 along the South Champlain Street centerline until its intersection with the
10 centerline of King Street; on the south along the centerline of King Street
11 extended westerly to Lake Champlain; on the west by Lake Champlain; on the
12 north, beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary between
13 87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake
14 Champlain (approximately -73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence
15 northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue
16 and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central
17 Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately -73.2239 longitude, 44.4837
18 latitude); thence northerly and easterly along the centerline of the Central
19 Vermont Railway railroad track, crossing North Avenue and the Burlington
20 Beltline, to its intersection with the centerline of Spring Street extended
21 northwesterly (approximately -73.2183 longitude, 44.4912 latitude); thence

1 northwesterly along the extension of the centerline of Spring Street to its
2 intersection with the centerline of Institute Road extended northeasterly
3 (approximately -73.2281 longitude, 44.4995 latitude); thence northeasterly
4 along the extension of the centerline of Institute Road extended to its
5 intersection with the common boundary between the City of Burlington and
6 Town of Colchester in the Winooski River (approximately -73.2139 longitude,
7 44.5077 latitude).

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9 (b) Wards described. Each of the City of Burlington's four electoral
10 districts set forth in subsection (a) of this section hereby comprises two wards,
11 each of which is constituted as follows:

12 (1) East District—Ward 1 and Ward 8.

13 (A) The East District is divided into two wards by the following
14 boundary: Beginning at the center of the intersection of ~~Pearl Street~~ Brooks
15 Avenue and South Willard Street; thence ~~southerly~~ easterly along the Brooks
16 Avenue centerline of ~~South Willard Street~~ to the intersection of the centerline
17 of ~~College Street~~; thence ~~easterly~~ along the centerline of College Street
18 ~~extended to the intersection of the centerline of University Place~~; thence
19 ~~southerly~~ along the centerline of University Place to the intersection of the
20 centerline of ~~Main Street~~; thence ~~easterly~~ along the centerline of Main Street to
21 until intersecting with the centerline of North Prospect Street; thence ~~southerly~~

1 along the centerline of North prospect Street to the intersection of the
2 centerline of Colchester Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Mary
3 Fletcher Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of Mary Fletcher Drive
4 for 331.58 feet (approximately -73.196 longitude, 44.4802 latitude);
5 thence southerly along the western side and easterly along the southern side of
6 the UVM Medical Center building for 1854.5 feet until a point at the center of
7 the intersection of Beaumont Avenue and Mary Fletcher Drive (approximately
8 -73.1932 longitude, 44.4788 latitude); thence south along the Beaumont
9 Avenue centerline to the intersection of Carrigan Drive; thence following
10 Carrigan Drive westerly for 199.1 feet (approximately -73.1932
11 longitude, 55.5756 latitude); thence travelling southwesterly for 821.3
12 feet along the UVM service road on the eastern border of the southeastern
13 wing of the UVM Jeffords Hall until a point at the intersection of the service
14 road and the centerline of University Heights extended northeasterly
15 (approximately -73.1947 longitude, 44.4751 latitude); thence southwesterly
16 along the centerline of University Heights 977.3 feet (approximately -73.1962
17 longitude, 44.4735 latitude); thence continuing southeasterly along the
18 centerline of the driveway bounding the western side of the UVM
19 Living/Learning Commons for 404.3 feet (approximately -73.1952 longitude,
20 44.4731 latitude); thence continuing south along the eastern side of UVM's
21 University Heights dorms until intersecting with PFG Road; thence continuing

1 easterly along the western extension of the PFG Road centerline for 601.2 feet
2 until intersecting with the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington
3 and South Burlington.

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5 (2) Central District—Ward 2 and Ward 3.

6 (A) The Central District is divided into two wards by the following
7 boundary: Beginning at the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway
8 railroad track at the intersection of the centerline of Spring Street extended
9 northwesterly (approximately -73.2183 longitude, 44.4912
10 latitude) intersection of the common property boundary between 85 North
11 Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake Champlain
12 (approximately -73.2252 longitude, -44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly
13 along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue and 9
14 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central Vermont
15 Railway railroad track (approximately -73.224 longitude, 44.4837 latitude);
16 thence southeasterly along the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway
17 railroad track to a point intersecting with the northwestern property boundary
18 of 300 Lake Street extended southwesterly (approximately -73.2234 longitude,
19 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly to a point at the intersection of the
20 northwestern property boundary of 300 Lake Street extended northeasterly
21 with the centerline of Depot Street (approximately -73.2223 longitude,

1 44.4837 latitude); thence northerly along the centerline of Depot Street to the
2 intersection with the centerline of Lakeview Terrace; thence ~~southerly~~ easterly
3 along the centerline of ~~Spring Street~~ Lakeview Terrace extended northwesterly,
4 continuing along the centerline of Spring Street to its intersection westerly
5 until intersecting with the centerline of ~~Elmwood~~ North Avenue; thence
6 ~~southerly~~ northerly along the centerline of ~~Elmwood~~ North Avenue to its
7 intersection with the centerline of ~~Pearl~~ North Street; thence easterly along the
8 centerline of ~~Pearl~~ North Street ~~to the intersection of the centerlines of North~~
9 ~~and South Winooski Avenue~~ until intersecting with the North Union Street
10 centerline; thence southerly following the North Union Street centerline until
11 intersecting with the Loomis Street centerline; thence easterly along the
12 Loomis Street centerline to the intersection of the centerlines of Loomis Street
13 and South Willard Avenue.

14 (B) Ward 2 lies to the east north of the boundary described in
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), and Ward 3 lies to the west south.

16 (3) South District—Ward 5 and Ward 6.

17 (A) The South District is divided into two wards by the following
18 boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of ~~King~~ Maple
19 Street and ~~Saint Paul~~ Church Street; thence southerly along the centerline of
20 ~~Saint Paul~~ Church Street to the intersection with the centerline of Adams
21 Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Adams Street to the intersection

1 with the centerline of Saint Paul Street; thence southerly along the Saint Paul
2 Street centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Shelburne Street;
3 thence southerly along the centerline of Shelburne Street to its intersection
4 with the centerline of Flynn Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of
5 Flynn Avenue extended easterly to the common boundary between the Cities
6 of Burlington and South Burlington.

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8 (4) North District—Ward 4 and Ward 7.

9 (A) The North District is divided into two wards by the following
10 boundary: ~~Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of North Avenue~~
11 ~~and the Central Vermont Railway railroad track~~ centerline of Institute Road
12 extended southwesterly to Lake Champlain; thence northeasterly to the
13 intersection of Institute Road with the centerline of North Avenue; thence
14 northerly along the centerline of North Avenue to its intersection with the
15 centerline of Fairfield Drive; thence westerly along the centerline of Fairfield
16 Drive to its intersection with the western property boundary of 39 Westward
17 Drive extended southerly (approximately -73.2685 longitude, 44.5257
18 latitude); thence northerly along the western property boundaries boundary of
19 39 and 40 Westward Drive, continuing northerly along the western property
20 boundaries of properties fronting the west side of Hardy Avenue to the
21 southern boundary of 35 Derway Drive; thence westerly along the southern

1 boundary of 35 Derway Drive, extended to its intersection with the centerline
2 of Derway Drive (approximately -73.2690 longitude, 44.5249 latitude); thence
3 northeasterly along the centerline of Derway Drive to its intersection with the
4 centerline of Claire Pointe Drive; thence northerly along the centerline of
5 Claire Pointe Drive approximately 44 feet to its intersection with the southern
6 property boundary of the Claire Pointe condominium development until
7 intersecting with the centerline of Westward Drive; thence southwesterly along
8 the centerline of Westward Drive to the intersection with the Northshore Drive
9 centerline; thence northerly along the Northshore Drive centerline until
10 intersecting with the Clair Pointe Road centerline (point); thence westerly
11 along the southern property boundary of the Claire Pointe condominium
12 development to the Waterfront Bike Path right-of-way approximately 537 feet
13 (approximately -73.2707 -73.2686 longitude, 44.5253 44.5286 latitude), and
14 then extended to Lake Champlain.

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16 (5) Ward map reference. Reference is also made to a map entitled
17 “Ward Redistricting, 8 Wards — 4 Districts, 12 Councilors, Referred to City
18 Council by CC Committee (v.3), Map Date: December 2, 2013 Approved Map
19 (December 2 V1.3), Map Date: December 8, 2022” located in the Burlington
20 Chief Administrative Officer’s office in further aid of the description of the
21 wards set forth in this subsection.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.