

1 H.507

2 Introduced by Representatives Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Bluemle of
3 Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington,
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 amendment

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
12 charter of the City of Burlington to provide procedures for designating the
13 location of polling places within the City.

14 An act relating to approval of amendments to the polling place provisions
15 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 an amendment to the charter of the City of
19 Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of amendment
20 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 § 19. ~~WHERE ELECTIONS HELD; EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE~~

5 BALLOTS DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES

6 ~~Annual and special elections shall be held in the several wards.~~

7 ~~Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. chapter 51, the ballots of early or absentee voters~~
8 ~~may be returned to the ward clerks of the various wards within the City At~~
9 ~~least 30 days prior to a local, primary, or general election, the City Council, in~~
10 ~~consultation with the City Clerk's Office, ward clerks, and inspectors of~~
11 ~~election, shall determine the number and location of polling places. Polling~~
12 ~~places shall be located in each ward unless a more accessible facility is~~
13 ~~available outside the ward that is in as close proximity as possible to the ward~~
14 ~~in which each voter resides. If more than one polling place is located within~~
15 ~~the same building, each shall be located so that it is separate and distinct from~~
16 ~~the others, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2501(e).~~

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18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.