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2 An act relating to approval of amendments to the polling place provisions of  
3 the charter of the City of Burlington

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 an amendment to the charter of the City of  
7 Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of amendment  
8 on March 7, 2023.

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

10 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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12 § 19. ~~WHERE ELECTIONS HELD; EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE~~

13 ~~BALLOTS DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES~~

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

15 ~~Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. chapter 51, the ballots of early or absentee voters~~

16 ~~may be returned to the ward clerks of the various wards within the City At~~

17 ~~least 30 days prior to a local, primary, or general election, the City Council, in~~

18 ~~consultation with the City Clerk's Office, ward clerks, and inspectors of~~

19 ~~election, shall determine the number and location of polling places. Polling~~

20 ~~places shall be located in each ward unless a more accessible facility is~~

21 ~~available outside the ward that is in as close proximity as possible to the ward~~

22 ~~in which each voter resides. If more than one polling place is located within~~

1 the same building, each shall be located so that it is separate and distinct from  
2 the others, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2501(e).

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4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.