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2 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the ranked choice voting  
3 provisions of 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 § 5. ELECTION TO BE BY BALLOT; METHOD OF ELECTION;

13 RUNOFF ELECTIONS

14 ~~(a) The election of the Mayor and school commissioners shall be by ballot,~~  
15 ~~and the person or persons receiving a plurality of all votes cast for any office~~  
16 ~~aforesaid shall, except as hereinafter provided, be declared elected thereto.~~  
17 ~~However, if no person receives at least 40 percent of all votes cast for any~~  
18 ~~office aforesaid, no one shall be declared elected and a runoff election shall be~~  
19 ~~held. The only candidates in the runoff election shall be the two persons~~  
20 ~~receiving the greater number of votes or, in case of a tie, the persons receiving~~  
21 ~~the greatest number of votes or the persons receiving the second greatest~~  
22 ~~number of votes. The Chief Administrative Officer shall within seven days~~

1 ~~warn a runoff election to be held not less than 12 days nor more than 20 days~~  
2 ~~after the date of the warning. The warning shall be published in a newspaper of~~  
3 ~~general circulation in the City and posted in a public place. The person or~~  
4 ~~persons receiving a plurality of all the votes cast in a runoff election shall be~~  
5 ~~declared elected.~~

6 (b) All elections of the Mayor, City Councilors, school commissioners, and  
7 ward election officers shall be by ballot, using a system of ranked choice  
8 voting without a separate runoff election. The Chief Administrative Officer  
9 shall implement a ranked choice voting protocol according to these guidelines:

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11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.