

1 H.516

2 Introduced by Representatives Dolan of Essex Junction and Houghton of

3 Essex Junction

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Essex Junction;

7 amendments

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
9 charter of the City of Essex Junction to authorize: City Councilors to hold City
10 employment, if permitted by State law; the City Council to appoint the
11 Moderator, who shall preside over the City Informational Meeting; and the
12 City Council to set the date of the City's annual meeting.

13 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of
14 Essex Junction

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

16 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

17 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City
18 of Essex Junction as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of
19 amendment on April 11, 2023.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 4 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 4. CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION

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4 § 206. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; PROHIBITIONS

5 (a) Holding other office. No Council member shall hold any City
6 employment during the term for which they were elected to the Council, unless
7 allowed by State statute. A Council member may be appointed to represent the
8 City on other boards except as pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2647. ~~No former~~
9 ~~Council member shall hold any compensated appointive municipal office or~~
10 ~~employment, except for poll worker, until one year after the expiration of the~~
11 ~~term for which they were elected to the legislative body.~~

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13 § 302. MODERATOR

14 ~~The voters at the City Annual Meeting~~ Council shall ~~elect~~ appoint a
15 Moderator who shall preside at the next City ~~Annual~~ Informational Meeting.
16 The term of Moderator shall be one year. Only qualified voters of the City of
17 Essex Junction shall be eligible to hold the office of Moderator.

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19 § 401. CITY MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

20 (a) ~~The voters~~ Annually on or before January 1, the Council shall ~~at each~~
21 ~~annual meeting vote to~~ set the date of the next annual meeting, at which time

1 the voters shall vote for the election of officers, the voting on the City budget,
2 and any other business included in the warnings for the meetings.

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4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.