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Introduced by Representatives Nugent of South Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Minier of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of South Burlington

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the charter of the City of South Burlington to increase the number of South Burlington School District Board Members to seven.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of South Burlington

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City of South Burlington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposal of amendment on March 5, 2024.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13, subchapter 3 is amended to read:

1 Subchapter 3. Officers

2 § 301. OFFICERS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 The officers of the City of South Burlington shall be those provided by law
4 for towns, except as otherwise provided by this charter. The officers shall have
5 all the powers and duties necessary to carry out the provisions of this charter as
6 well as those provided by law. The offices of Fence Viewer, Weigher of Coal,
7 and Inspector of Lumber shall be abolished.

8 (1) The officers of the South Burlington School District shall ~~continue to be~~
9 those provided by law for school or school districts, except as otherwise
10 provided by this charter; provided, however, that the School Directors shall
11 hold no other School District or City office with the exception of the Board of
12 Civil Authority, the Board of Abatement, and as provided otherwise in this
13 charter. When a vacancy occurs on the Board of School Directors, the
14 remaining members of the Board may fill the vacancy until the next annual
15 meeting when the School District shall fill the vacancy.

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17 §311. BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS; NUMBER; TERMS OF

18 OFFICE; ELECTION

19 (a) There shall be a Board of School Directors consisting of seven
20 members.

1 (b) Four members shall have terms of office of three years; three members
2 shall have terms of office of two years.

3 (c) All present School Directors shall serve as Directors until the expiration
4 of their terms and their successors have been duly elected and have qualified.

5 (d) On the first Tuesday in March, 2025, the voters shall elect, from among
6 the legal voters of the city, two members for terms of three years and two
7 members for terms of two years. On the first Tuesday in March, 2026, one
8 member for a term of three years and one member for a term of two years shall
9 be elected. Thereafter, the election of school directors shall be for the length
10 of the term of the member whose term is expiring.

11 (e) All Board of School Directors shall be elected at large.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.