

No. M-4. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre.

(H.505)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment of the charter of the Town of Barre as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of amendment on May 14, 2024.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 101 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 101. TOWN OF BARRE

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§ 10. ELECTED OFFICERS; GENERAL

(a) The following officers shall be elected by the legal voters of the Town of Barre and voting for the officers shall be by Australian ballot:

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(2) ~~three auditors;~~ [Repealed.]

(3) one Clerk; and

(4) one Moderator.

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(f) ~~The Office of Auditor may be abolished and replaced by an annual financial audit of all funds of the Town by a public accountant, licensed in Vermont, provided the voters authorize the actions at any annual or special Town meeting. The vote to eliminate the Office of Auditor shall remain in~~

~~effect until rescinded by majority vote of the legal voters present and voting at an annual or special meeting duly warned for that purpose. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Selectboard shall provide for all other auditor duties to be performed. The term of office of any auditor in the office on the date the Town votes to eliminate that office shall expire on the 45th day after the vote or on the date that the Selectboard enters into a contract with a public accountant under this section, whichever occurs first. [Repealed.]~~

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§ 39. COMPENSATION AND FEES

(a) The Town election shall annually vote the compensation to be paid to the following officers:

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(2) ~~Auditors;~~ [Repealed.]

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(b) The Selectboard shall annually consider and from time to time shall set the compensation of the following officers:

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(7) Board of Abatement; and

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(d) All fees prescribed by State law, charter, ordinance, or otherwise shall be collected for the benefit of the Town and paid to the Town Treasurer. No

fees shall be used directly by any receiving officer or ~~enure~~ inure directly to the officer.

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Sec. 3. REPEAL

24 App. V.S.A. chapter 101, § 12 (Town of Barre; Auditors) is repealed.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: June 2, 2025