

H.693

Introduced by Representative Greer of Bennington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal charters; Town of  
Bennington; amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington to authorize the Select  
Board to delegate the responsibility to review materials following an  
investigation of a complaint against the police department.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of  
Bennington concerning the Town police department

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 Town  
of Bennington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposal of  
amendment on March 4, 2025.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 103 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 103. TOWN OF BENNINGTON

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1       § 303. FURTHER POWERS OF SELECT BOARD MEMBERS

2           In addition to powers otherwise conferred by law, the Select Board  
3       members shall also have the power to:

4                                       \* \* \*

5           (7) discharge all duties heretofore devolving on the Town Agent by  
6       general law and hire attorneys on behalf of the Town; ~~and~~

7           (8) establish an adequate number of polling places within the Town as  
8       required for the convenience of the Town voters and without regard to election  
9       district boundaries, to the end that election expenses may be lessened and  
10      confusion among the voters as to the proper place for them to vote may be  
11      avoided; however, one such polling place shall be in North Bennington and the  
12      central polling place shall be within the boundaries of the former Village of  
13      Bennington; and

14           (9) delegate the responsibility to review video footage, transcripts, and  
15      other materials following an investigation of a complaint against the police  
16      department to the existing Community Policing Advisory Review Board or to  
17      another board established by the Select Board to replace the Community  
18      Policing Advisory Review Board.

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20      Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21           This act shall take effect on passage.