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2 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of
3 Panton

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 the amendment of the charter of the Town
7 of Panton as set forth in this act. The voters of the Town approved the
8 proposals of amendment on May 15, 2025.

9 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 129F is amended to read:

10 CHAPTER 129F. TOWN OF PANTON

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12 § 5. RECALL OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

13 (a) Any elected Town officer may be removed from office subject to the
14 following conditions and procedures:

15 (1) A written petition, signed by not less than 15 percent of the
16 registered voters of the Town, seeking the removal of a Town officer and
17 requesting a vote of the Town at a regular or special Town meeting called for
18 the purpose, shall be filed with the Selectboard and the Town Clerk.

19 (2) If the petition is filed not more than 60 days and not less than 47
20 days before the next regular Town meeting, the Selectboard shall place the
21 question of whether the elected officer shall be removed on the warning for the

1 next regular Town meeting. Otherwise, the Selectboard shall call a special
2 Town meeting, to be held within 45 days after receiving the petition, to vote on
3 whether the elected officer shall be removed. In either case, the recall vote
4 shall be held by Australian ballot.

5 (3) When the petitioned removal is approved by a majority of the votes
6 cast at the regular or special Town meeting, the Town officer named in the
7 petition shall cease to hold office.

8 (4) The officer shall be removed only if at least as many registered
9 voters of the Town vote to approve the petition as voted to elect said officer in
10 the most recent election wherein the officer was elected, or at least one-third of
11 the registered voters of the Town vote, whichever is fewer.

12 (b) A vacancy resulting from the recall of an officer shall be filled in the
13 manner prescribed by law.

14 (c) A recall petition shall not be brought against an individual more than
15 once within any 12-month period.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.