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Introduced by Representatives Burkhardt of South Burlington, Arsenault of
Williston, and Brady of Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Williston

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
charter of the Town of Williston to remove listers as elected officers and
instead enable the Town to employ or contract with an assessor.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of
Williston

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 Williston as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of
amendment on March 3, 2026.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 171 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 171. TOWN OF WILLISTON

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1 § 14. LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

2 (a) Elective offices. Local elective offices to be filled by the voters of the
3 Town of Williston shall be only those articulated by this charter, and shall
4 include:

- 5 (1) Selectboard;
- 6 (2) Town Clerk;
- 7 (3) [Repealed.]
- 8 (4) ~~Lister~~; [Repealed.]
- 9 (5) Moderator;
- 10 (6) [Repealed.]
- 11 (7)–(9) [Repealed.]
- 12 (10) Library trustee.
- 13 (11)–(12) [Repealed.]

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15 (c) Elected officers; duties, responsibilities, and conduct.

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17 (3) ~~Listers.~~

18 ~~(A) There shall be three elected listers elected on a nonpartisan basis~~
19 ~~for three year staggered terms.~~

20 ~~(B) Duties and responsibilities of the listers shall be in accordance~~
21 ~~with State statute and herein limited.~~

1 assessor is employed or contracted with in accordance with 24 App. V.S.A. ch.

2 171, § 21, whichever occurs last.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.