

# Journal of the House

Friday, January 23, 2026

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotional.

## Memorial Service

House members rose as the Speaker placed before the House the following name of the member of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Rep. Norman H. McAllister of Highgate

Member of the House,  
Sessions 2003-2012

Thereupon, the members of the House held a moment of silence in memory of the deceased member.

## **Rules Suspended, House Bills Introduced**

Pending first reading of House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

H. 760

By Reps. Lalley of Shelburne, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Boyden of Cambridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Duke of Burlington, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Keyser of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Lueders of Lincoln, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrow of Weston, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, and Wells of Brownington,

### House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Green FC license plate

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 761**

By Rep. Boutin of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the electronic issuance of temporary motor vehicle registrations and number plates

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 762**

By Rep. Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the County and Regional Governance Study Committee

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 763**

By Rep. Greer of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to how to count certain offenders for the purpose of periodic reapportionment of districts for the General Assembly

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 764**

By Reps. Dobrovich of Williamstown, Bosch of Clarendon, Burtt of Cabot, Coffin of Cavendish, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Kleppner of Burlington, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to inpatient psychiatric bed capacity

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 765**

By Reps. Dobrovich of Williamstown, Bosch of Clarendon, Burtt of Cabot, Coffin of Cavendish, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to qualified mental health professionals

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 766**

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro, Lalley of Shelburne, and Tomlinson of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a local option tax on gasoline and diesel sales

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 767**

By Rep. Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to moratoria on climate change programs

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

**H. 768**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington and Southworth of Walden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consumer protections related to the towing and storage of vehicles

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 769**

By Reps. Dobrovich of Williamstown, Arsenault of Williston, Bosch of Clarendon, Burtt of Cabot, Coffin of Cavendish, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Hunter of Manchester, Morgan, M. of Milton, Nugent of South Burlington, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to child welfare and appropriate independent childhood activities

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 770**

By Reps. Conlon of Cornwall and Kornheiser of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to opting out of the federal tax credit program for contributions to scholarship granting organizations

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 771**

By Reps. Dobrovich of Williamstown, Burtt of Cabot, Coffin of Cavendish, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Morgan, M. of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting ambulatory surgical centers from certificate of need requirements

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 772**

By Rep. Mihaly of Calais,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to residential rental agreements, eviction procedures, and the creation of the positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program

To the Committee on General and Housing.

**H. 773**

By Rep. Mihaly of Calais,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to property tax sales for property that is abandoned or unfit for human habitation

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 774**

By Reps. Galfetti of Barre Town, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Burditt of West Rutland, Burtt of Cabot, Casey of Hubbardton, Coffin of Cavendish, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Labor of Morgan, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, McFaun of Barre Town, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a three-year education property tax freeze

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**Ceremonial Readings****H.C.R. 161**

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier and Casey of Montpelier

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Montpelier High School Solons Division III championship field hockey team

*Whereas*, in recent years, Montpelier High School's field hockey team's record has included Division III titles in 2022 and 2023 and a championship contest berth in 2024, and

*Whereas*, starting the 2025 season with this strong foundation, the top-ranked Solons dominated their opponents, compiled an undefeated (17–0) record, and earned a place in the decisive Burlington contest against the third-seeded Woodstock Union High School Wasps, and

*Whereas*, Woodstock initiated the scoring with 2:59 remaining in the first quarter, challenging the Solons' aspirations for a renewal of their championship glory, and

*Whereas*, at the 2:51 mark in the third quarter, Montpelier tied the score at one-all, and the contest continued into overtime, when the number of players was greatly reduced, and consequently, the team's dynamics and strategy were radically altered, and

*Whereas*, after the closely matched teams battled through a scoreless first overtime period, two Solons collaborated in the second post-regulation time frame to score the tie-breaking goal, a timely maneuver that enabled Montpelier to capture the 2025 Division III crown with a 2–1 victory, and

*Whereas*, the talented Solons, who played a spectacular season, were Opal Ritchie, Indy Roberts, Grace Donahue, Fayina Martin, Alyce Jerome, Lia Walsh, Gitana Ford, Valerie Abbott, Nora Obuchowski, Regan Walke, Emily Tringe, Jameson Rise, Sonya Mancauskas, Olivia Scharnberg, and Violet Dennison, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Morgan Griffith, Assistant Coach Sarah McKeen, and student manager Lillian Woodard were each proud to be associated with this winning team, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Montpelier High School Solons Division III championship field hockey team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Montpelier High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 9, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

### **H.C.R. 165**

Offered by Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Morrow of Weston, Nelson of Derby, Pinsonault of Dorset, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Tagliavia of Corinth, Waszazak of Barre City, White of Waitsfield, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution honoring Micheline Lemay of Stowe for her outstanding outdoor recreation and mindfulness leadership

*Whereas*, as a University of New Hampshire (UNH) student, Michy Lemay majored in outdoor education and walked on to the extremely competitive ski team, and following her graduation from UNH, she earned a master's degree at the former Johnson State College, and

*Whereas*, her career has included employment as a mindfulness instructor at Mt. Mansfield Academy, and she is the co-owner and operator of Rugged Adventures Summer Camp in Stowe, which offers youngsters exciting athletic and nature-centered outdoor summer activities, and

*Whereas*, Michy Lemay has faced serious health challenges: first, a series of orthopedic setbacks, including five knee surgeries and 18 shoulder dislocations; and then in 2021, she received a breast cancer diagnosis, and

*Whereas*, she completed a vigorous cancer care regimen of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation, and has participated in a hormone-free vaccine trial at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and

*Whereas*, in response to these life-altering events, Michy Lemay has battled back, embarking on an extraordinary mindfulness journey as an alternative way of healing and finding personal peace, and

*Whereas*, on New Year's Day 2024, Michy Lemay commenced her most ambitious mindfulness odyssey: namely, a one-year, four-season mission to ascend one million feet up Mount Mansfield (the Mansfield Million) primarily on skis (skinning), but also via nonmotorized bicycling and hiking, a project she completed triumphantly on schedule, surpassing her million-feet goal, and

*Whereas*, another mindfulness foray was her leadership of the Lamoille Area Cancer Network's breast cancer awareness hike, and she has continued to lead similar fundraising initiatives, and

*Whereas*, Michy Lemay has not only blazed a dedicated path towards a healthier life regardless of enormous personal obstacles but has also served as an inspiring role model for the Stowe community, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Micheline Lemay of Stowe for her outstanding outdoor recreation and mindfulness leadership, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michy Lemay.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 16, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**H.C.R. 167**

Offered by Representative Bluemle of Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 2026 as Mentoring Month in Vermont

*Whereas*, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people, and

*Whereas*, more than ever, youth need supportive, committed mentors in their lives, who see, hear, and champion them, and

*Whereas*, a caring and committed mentor offers support for youth, provides a consistent friend who helps ignite a young person's curiosities, solidifies the mentee's passions, and leverages the individual's talents, and

*Whereas*, mentored youth exhibit improved resiliency and better relationships with peers, family, school, and community, and

*Whereas*, according to MENTOR Vermont's 2025 Youth Mentoring Survey, over 96 percent of the mentee respondents agreed with the statements, "My mentor makes me feel like I matter," and "Having a mentor has made a positive difference in my life," and

*Whereas*, mentoring relationships provide individualized attention and support, primary components of pandemic recovery, and

*Whereas*, Vermont mentoring agencies, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations throughout the State, are committed to working collaboratively to empower youth, advance the Vermont mentoring field, and broaden the reach of mentoring relationships in our communities, and

*Whereas*, since 2002, January has been observed as Mentoring Month, and it serves as a special occasion to celebrate the success of youth mentorship and to educate the general public concerning its individual and societal benefits, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly recognizes January 2026 as Mentoring Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to MENTOR Vermont.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 16, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**H.C.R. 169**

Offered by Representative Goldman of Rockingham

House concurrent resolution recognizing the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system

*Whereas*, nurses have provided anesthesia to patients for over 150 years, and

*Whereas*, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), also known as nurse anesthetists, were originally designated in 1956, and they are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the nation's most trusted health care professionals, and

*Whereas*, nationally, nearly 74,000 CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; and at the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and pain management specialists, and

*Whereas*, in Pub. L. 99-509 § 9320, Congress extended Medicare coverage to CRNA services, and

*Whereas*, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved communities and for U.S. military personnel, and

*Whereas*, based on their formal education, field training, board certification, and State licensure, these health care professionals are qualified to make independent judgements regarding a broad scope of anesthesia care, and

*Whereas*, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all kinds of facilities, and

*Whereas*, in addition to anesthesia care, CRNAs are qualified to address the unique health care challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly recognizes the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 16, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Remarks Journalized**

On motion by **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the following remarks by **Rep. Walker of Swanton** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

There is a saying out there - ‘I hope that either ALL of us, or NONE of us are judged by the actions of our weakest moments.’ Representative and later Senator Norm McAllister was my friend. He was a proud Grandfather, and I am lucky enough to have Coached and cheered for three of his Grandchildren. Outstanding athletes and young adults - all three. ‘I hope that either ALL of us, or NONE of us are judged by the actions of our weakest moments.’ Norm was my friend.”

**Third Reading; Bill Passed**

**H. 545**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to issuing immunization recommendations

Was taken up and read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass?, **Rep. Eastes of Guilford** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 127. Nays, 9.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arsenault of Williston	Feltus of Lyndon	Mihaly of Calais
Austin of Colchester	Galfetti of Barre Town	Minier of South Burlington
Bailey of Hyde Park	Garofano of Essex	Morgan, L. of Milton
Bartholomew of Hartland	Goldman of Rockingham	Morgan, M. of Milton
Bartley of Fairfax	Goodnow of Brattleboro	Morris of Springfield
Berbeco of Winooski	Goslant of Northfield	Morrissey of Bennington
Birong of Vergennes	Graning of Jericho	Morrow of Weston
Bishop of Colchester	Greer of Bennington	Mrowicki of Putney
Black of Essex	Gregoire of Fairfield	Nelson of Derby
Bluemle of Burlington	Hango of Berkshire	Noyes of Wolcott
Bosch of Clarendon	Harple of Glover	Nugent of South Burlington
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Headrick of Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Boutin of Barre City	Higley of Lowell	Ode of Burlington
Boyden of Cambridge	Holcombe of Norwich	Oliver of Sheldon
Brady of Williston	Hooper of Randolph	Olson of Starksboro
Branagan of Georgia	Hooper of Burlington	Page of Newport City
Brown of Richmond	Houghton of Essex Junction	Pezzo of Colchester
Burditt of West Rutland	Howard of Rutland City	Pinsonault of Dorset
Burke of Brattleboro	Hoyt of Hartford	Pouech of Hinesburg
Burkhardt of South Burlington	Hunter of Manchester	Priestley of Bradford
Burrows of West Windsor	James of Manchester	Rachelson of Burlington *
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Kascenska of Burke	Satcowitz of Randolph
Canfield of Fair Haven	Keyser of Rutland City	Scheu of Middlebury
Casey of Montpelier	Kimbell of Woodstock	Sheldon of Middlebury
Casey of Hubbardton	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Sibilia of Dover
Chapin of East Montpelier	Labor of Morgan	Southworth of Walden
Charlton of Chester	Lailey of Shelburne	Squirrell of Underhill
Cina of Burlington	LaLonde of South Burlington	Steady of Milton
Coffin of Cavendish	LaMont of Morristown	Stevens of Waterbury
Cole of Hartford	Laroche of Franklin	Stone of Burlington *
Conlon of Cornwall	Lipsky of Stowe	Sweeney of Shelburne
Cooper of Pownal	Logan of Burlington	Taylor of Milton
Corcoran of Bennington	Long of Newfane	Taylor of Mendon
Critchlow of Colchester	Lueders of Lincoln	Torre of Moretown
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Luneau of St. Albans City	Walker of Swanton
Dodge of Essex	Maguire of Rutland City	Waszazak of Barre City
Dolan of Essex Junction	Malay of Pittsford	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Donahue of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Wells of Brownington
Duke of Burlington	Masland of Thetford	White of Waitsfield
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCoy of Poultney	White of Bethel
Eastes of Guilford	McFaun of Barre Town	Wood of Waterbury *
Emmons of Springfield	McGill of Bridport	Yacovone of Morristown
	Micklus of Milton	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Demar of Enosburgh	North of Ferrisburgh *	Pritchard of Pawlet *
Howland of Rutland Town	Parsons of Newbury	Tagliavia of Corinth *
Nielsen of Brandon	Powers of Waterford	Winter of Ludlow

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Burtt of Cabot	Dolgin of St. Johnsbury	McCann of Montpelier
Carris Duncan of	Harvey of Castleton	Nigro of Bennington
Whitingham	Kleppner of Burlington	Quimby of Lyndon
Christie of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Tomlinson of Winooski
Dobrovich of Williamstown	Burlington	

**Rep. North of Ferrisburgh** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no because I have constituents that feel very strongly that yesterday's amendment, which failed to gain approval in committee, was critical to this bill's integrity and I agree with them. While we agree with a recommended list of immunizations and legal liability of immunity for the health care professionals, we also believe strongly in consumer protection to notify patients specifically of their assumption of liability in this case. While there is informed consent of the risks for immunizations of themselves, there is no informed consent of the complete legal immunity of all immunization providers. Our State should care enough about the patient to inform them and require their consent that they are assuming all liability for the outcome of receiving a state recommended immunization and that they have no legal recourse if something goes wrong. It's the same consumer protection that we all enjoy when buying a vehicle that's sold as is, where we're thus clearly notified that we have no legal recourse if the car fails the next day. We should be compassionate enough to similarly notify our consumers of the same legal status of State recommended immunizations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.”

**Rep. Pritchard of Pawlet** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I would like to support this bill, but I feel it must include informed consent which presently does not exist. We need to include this, so the concerns of all Vermonters are met and honored.”

**Rep. Rachelson of Burlington** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for this bill because I strongly believe that vaccine recommendations should follow the science and the evidence. Lack of access to critical vaccines will result in deaths. While this bill does not mandate vaccines, it does provide access to them. My mother didn’t have access to a polio vaccine, came close to dying, spent over a year in an iron lung, and has had permanent disabilities and health issues.”

**Rep. Stone of Burlington** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H.545 because it ensures Vermonters have access to clear, science-based information and trusted public health guidance without mandating care or limiting personal choice. As a patient-facing health care provider and a parent, I believe leading with evidence while respecting individual decision-making is essential to protecting both family and community health.”

**Rep. Tagliavia of Corinth** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

H.545 lacks sufficient informed consent. The Burtt amendment would have provided for informed consent.”

**Rep. Wood of Waterbury** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for H.545 to protect the health of all Vermonters, including their rights to consent and full information about immunizations.”

**Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

**H. 508**

**Rep. Hooper of Burlington**, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

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

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

## Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of amendment on March 4, 2025.

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

CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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§ 2. ELECTION BOUNDARIES

(a) ~~City districts described. For the annual meeting of 2024 and all City elections thereafter, the City of Burlington is divided into four electoral districts, constituted as follows:~~

(1) ~~East District. The East District shall include all that part of said City lying easterly and northerly of the following described boundaries: Beginning at the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and Winooski in the Winooski River beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of the Lower Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence westerly in the centerline of said railroad tracks for 406.6 feet to a point where the centerline of Intervale Road extended northerly intersects said railroad track centerline (approximately 73.2028 longitude, 44.4911 latitude); thence southerly along the extension of the centerline of Intervale Road, crossing Riverside Avenue until the centerline intersects with that of the Archibald Street centerline extended easterly; thence westerly along the Archibald Street centerline until the intersection of the Archibald Street centerline and the North Willard Street centerline; thence southerly along the North Willard Street Centerline until the intersection of the North Willard Street centerline and the Pearl Street Centerline; thence westerly along the Pearl Street centerline until intersecting with the South Winooski Avenue centerline; thence southerly along the South Winooski Avenue centerline until intersecting the Maple Street centerline; thence easterly along the Maple Street centerline for 1573.5 feet to a point where the eastern property boundary of 315 Maple Street extended northerly intersects Maple Street (approximately 73.2064 longitude, 44.4739 latitude); thence southerly along the eastern property boundary of 315 Maple Street for 276.5 feet (approximately 73.2064 longitude, 44.4734 latitude); thence 281.4 feet westerly to a point where the southern property boundary of 315 Maple Street extended westerly intersect with the western boundary of 251 South Willard Street extended northerly (approximately 73.2071 longitude, 44.4733 latitude), thence 723.7 feet 177° southerly to a point where it intersects the southern property boundary of 285 South Willard Street extended westerly (approximately 73.2071 longitude, 44.4719 latitude); thence easterly along~~

the southern boundary of 285 South Willard Street for 696.5 feet until intersecting with the South Willard Street centerline (approximately 73.2051 longitude, 44.472 latitude); thence northerly along the South Willard Street centerline for 220.9 feet (approximately 73.2052 longitude, 44.4724 latitude); thence easterly along the southern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 557.6 feet (approximately 73.2037 longitude, 44.4725 latitude); thence northerly along the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 89.6 feet to a point where the Juniper Terrace centerline extended westerly intersects the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street (approximately 73.2037 longitude, 44.4726 latitude); thence following the Juniper Terrace centerline easterly until intersecting with the Summit Street centerline (approximately 73.2021 longitude, 44.4727 latitude); thence northerly along the Summit Street centerline until reaching the centerline of Main Street thence following the Main Street centerline easterly 2339.6 feet (approximately 73.1964 longitude, 44.4753 latitude); thence southwesterly 214° for 136.1 feet (approximately 73.1966 longitude, 44.4751 latitude); thence southeasterly 98.2 feet (approximately 73.1964 longitude, 44.4749 latitude); thence southwesterly by 213° for 770 feet (approximately 73.1975 longitude, 44.4737 latitude); thence southeasterly by 123° for 477.4 feet until intersecting with the University Heights centerline (approximately 73.1964 longitude, 44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of University Heights Road 1221.65 feet until intersecting with the PFG Road centerline, thence westerly by 79° until intersecting with the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

(2) Central District. The Central District shall include all that part of the City bounded as follows: On the east, beginning at the common boundary between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River at a point intersecting with the centerline of Institute Road extended northeasterly (approximately 73.2147 longitude, 44.5089 latitude); thence southerly along the common boundary between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River to a point beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of the Lower Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence westerly along the East District northern boundary for 406.6 feet to its intersection with the westerly boundary of the East District; thence southerly along the westerly boundary of the East District to its intersection with the centerline of Archibald Street, then southerly along the East District western boundary to the intersection with the centerline of Pearl Street; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the East District to the intersection with the centerline of South Winooski Avenue; thence southerly along the western boundary of the East District to the centerline of Maple Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Maple Street until its intersection with the centerline of South Champlain street; thence northerly along the South

Champlain Street centerline until its intersection with the centerline of King Street; on the south along the centerline of King Street extended westerly to Lake Champlain; on the west by Lake Champlain; on the north, beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary between 87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake Champlain (approximately 73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately 73.2239 longitude, 44.4837 latitude); thence northerly and easterly along the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway railroad track, crossing North Avenue and the Burlington Beltline, to its intersection with the centerline of Spring Street extended northwesterly (approximately 73.2183 longitude, 44.4912 latitude); thence northwesterly along the extension of the centerline of Spring Street to its intersection with the centerline of Institute Road extended northeasterly (approximately 73.2281 longitude, 44.4995 latitude); thence northeasterly along the extension of the centerline of Institute Road extended to its intersection with the common boundary between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River (approximately 73.2139 longitude, 44.5077 latitude).

(3) South District. The South District shall include all that part of the City south of the southern boundaries of the East and Central Districts.

(4) North District. The North District shall include all that part of the City north of the northern boundary of the Central District.

(b) Wards described. Each of the City of Burlington's four electoral districts set forth in subsection (a) of this section hereby comprises two wards, each of which is constituted as follows:

(1) East District Ward 1 and Ward 8.

(A) The East District is divided into two wards by the following boundary: Beginning at the center of the intersection of Brooks Avenue and South Willard Street; thence easterly along the Brooks Avenue centerline until intersecting with the centerline of North Prospect Street; thence southerly along the centerline of North Prospect Street to the intersection of the centerline of Colchester Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Mary Fletcher Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of Mary Fletcher Drive for 331.58 feet (approximately 73.196 longitude, 44.4802 latitude); thence southerly along the western side and easterly along the southern side of the UVM Medical Center building for 1854.5 feet until a point at the center of the intersection of Beaumont Avenue and Mary Fletcher Drive (approximately 73.1932 longitude, 44.4788 latitude); thence south along the Beaumont Avenue centerline to the intersection of Carrigan Drive; thence following

Carrigan Drive westerly for 199.1 feet (approximately 73.1932 longitude, 55.5756 latitude); thence travelling southwesterly for 821.3 feet along the UVM service road on the eastern border of the southeastern wing of the UVM Jeffords Hall until a point at the intersection of the service road and the centerline of University Heights extended northeasterly (approximately 73.1947 longitude, 44.4751 latitude); thence southwesterly along the centerline of University Heights 977.3 feet (approximately 73.1962 longitude, 44.4735 latitude); thence continuing southeasterly along the centerline of the driveway bounding the western side of the UVM Living/Learning Commons for 404.3 feet (approximately 73.1952 longitude, 44.4731 latitude); thence continuing south along the eastern side of UVM's University Heights dorms until intersecting with PFG Road; thence continuing easterly along the western extension of the PFG Road centerline for 601.2 feet until intersecting with the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

(B) Ward 1 lies to the north and east of the boundary described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1), and Ward 8 lies to the south and west.

(2) Central District—Ward 2 and Ward 3.

(A) The Central District is divided into two wards by the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary between 85 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake Champlain (approximately 73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately 73.224 longitude, 44.4837 latitude); thence southeasterly along the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway railroad track to a point intersecting with the northwestern property boundary of 300 Lake Street extended southwesterly (approximately 73.2234 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly to a point at the intersection of the northwestern property boundary of 300 Lake Street extended northeasterly with the centerline of Depot Street (approximately 73.2223 longitude, 44.4837 latitude); thence northerly along the centerline of Depot Street to the intersection with the centerline of Lakeview Terrace; thence easterly along the centerline of Lakeview Terrace extended westerly until intersecting with the centerline of North Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of North Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of North Street; thence easterly along the centerline of North Street until intersecting with the North Union Street centerline; thence southerly following the North Union Street centerline until intersecting with the Loomis Street centerline; thence easterly along the Loomis Street centerline to the intersection of the centerlines of Loomis Street and South Willard Avenue.

(B) Ward 2 lies to the north of the boundary described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), and Ward 3 lies to the south.

(3) South District — Ward 5 and Ward 6.

(A) The South District is divided into two wards by the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Maple Street and Church Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Church Street to the intersection with the centerline of Adams Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Adams Street to the intersection with the centerline of Saint Paul Street; thence southerly along the Saint Paul Street centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Shelburne Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Shelburne Street to its intersection with the centerline of Flynn Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of Flynn Avenue extended easterly to the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

(B) Ward 5 lies to the west of the boundary described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3), and Ward 6 lies to the east.

(4) North District — Ward 4 and Ward 7.

(A) The North District is divided into two wards by the following boundary: Beginning at the centerline of Institute Road extended southwesterly to Lake Champlain; thence northeasterly to the intersection of Institute Road with the centerline of North Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of North Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Fairfield Drive; thence westerly along the centerline of Fairfield Drive to its intersection with the western property boundary of 39 Westward Drive extended southerly (approximately -73.2685 longitude, 44.5257 latitude); thence northerly along the western property boundary of 39 Westward Drive, until intersecting with the centerline of Westward Drive; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Westward Drive to the intersection with the Northshore Drive centerline; thence northerly along the Northshore Drive centerline until intersecting with the Clair Pointe Road centerline (point); thence westerly along the southern property boundary of the Claire Pointe condominium development (approximately -73.2686 longitude, 44.5286 latitude), and then extended to Lake Champlain.

(B) Ward 4 lies to the west of the boundary described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (4), and Ward 7 lies to the east.

(5) Ward map reference. Reference is also made to a map entitled "Ward Redistricting, 8 Wards — 4 Districts, 12 Councilors, Approved Map (December 2 V1.3), Map Date: December 8, 2022" located in the Burlington Chief Administrative Officer's office in further aid of the description of the wards set forth in this subsection.

The election area boundaries established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. M-7 shall remain in effect until changed by the City Council, which is authorized to make changes from time to time to the boundaries of the election areas in order to provide an equal division of population among them in accordance with data produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. Election area changes shall not be made more frequently than once in five years. Changes shall be approved by the voters at an annual or special meeting of the City and shall become effective immediately upon approval unless a later date is established by the City meeting vote.

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### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs agreed to, and third reading ordered.

### **Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

#### **J.R.S. 35**

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation

Was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

### **Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

#### **J.R.S. 36**

Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2026

Was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

### **Message from the Senate No. 8**

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 170.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Kilburn of Fair Haven on winning the 2024 Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award.

**H.C.R. 171.** House concurrent resolution honoring Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and to the scholarly advancement of American historical biography.

**H.C.R. 172.** House concurrent resolution in memory of the admired Vermont folk singer and former Elmore Town Moderator Jon Gailmor.

**H.C.R. 173.** House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2026, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 174.** House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 175.** House concurrent resolution in memory of the Venerable J. Stannard Baker of Shelburne.

#### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and twenty-one minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 34.

#### **Concurrent Resolutions Adopted**

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2026 Adjourned Session.]