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2 Introduced by Representative Peterson of Clarendon

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipalities and county government; municipalities; municipal and
6 regional planning and development; adoption and administration and
7 enforcement; zoning administrator requirements

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to ensure that
9 the appointment of zoning administrators is conducted in a fair and unbiased
10 manner based upon the qualifications and skills of the appointee.

11 An act relating to the appointment of zoning administrators

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

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4448 is amended to read:

14 § 4448. APPOINTMENT AND POWERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE
15 OFFICER

16 (a) An administrative officer, who may hold any other office in the
17 municipality other than membership in the board of adjustment ~~or~~,
18 development review board, ~~shall~~ the legislative body, or the local or regional
19 planning commission may be nominated by the planning commission and
20 appointed by the legislative body for a term of three years promptly after the

1 adoption of the first bylaws or when a vacancy exists. The compensation of
2 the administrative officer shall be fixed under sections 932 and 933 of this title,
3 and the officer shall be subject to the personnel rules of the municipality
4 adopted under sections 1121 and 1122 of this title. The administrative officer
5 shall administer the bylaws literally and shall not have the power to permit any
6 land development that is not in conformance with those bylaws. An
7 administrative officer may be removed for cause at any time by the legislative
8 body after consultation with the planning commission.

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.