

No. M-3. An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Barre.

(H.418)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the Town of Barre as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of amendment on May 10, 2022.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 101 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 101. TOWN OF BARRE

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Subchapter 3. Elected Officers

§ 10. ELECTED OFFICERS; GENERAL

(a) The following officers shall be elected by the legal voters of the Town of Barre and voting for the officers shall be by Australian ballot:

(1) five Selectboard members;

(2) ~~three listers~~;

~~(3)~~ three auditors;

~~(4)~~ one Constable;

~~(5)~~(3) one Clerk;

~~(6)~~(4) one Moderator.

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§ 13. ~~BOARD OF LISTERS~~

~~(a) The Board of Listers shall consist of three listers, one elected each year for a term of three years. The Board shall have the same powers and duties prescribed for listers under the laws of the State of Vermont.~~

~~(b) The Board shall annually review, or cause to be reviewed, its appraisals of all property in the Town that is subject to taxation. The property shall be appraised in accordance with standards established by the laws of the State.~~

~~(c) If the Town shall vote to replace the Board of Listers with a single assessor in the manner provided in subsection 10(b) of this charter, then the assessor shall perform all of the duties and have all of the powers prescribed for listers under the laws of Vermont. [Repealed.]~~

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§ 15. ~~CONSTABLE~~

~~A Constable shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. He or she shall have all the powers and duties prescribed for constables under the laws of Vermont, except as provided in this charter. [Repealed.]~~

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§ 38. ~~APPOINTED OFFICERS~~

~~(a) The Selectboard, by majority vote, shall appoint the following Town officers for the terms indicated:~~

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(5) An Assessor, who may be hired or contracted upon such terms as the Selectboard shall deem reasonable. The Assessor shall perform all of the duties and have all of the powers prescribed for listers under the laws of Vermont.

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(7) A Constable, for a term of one year. The appointed Constable shall have all the powers and duties described for constables under Vermont law, except as provided in this charter. The Selectboard may prohibit the Constable from exercising any law enforcement authority or may condition the exercise of that authority upon the Constable being certified to exercise that level of authority under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

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Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Upon the effective date of this act:

(1) The term of office of an elected Town Constable shall continue until the Selectboard appoints a successor Constable.

(2) The Town Board of Listers shall cease to exist and the terms of the elected listers shall expire.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 4, 2023