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Introduced by Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester,
and Taylor of Colchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Colchester;
amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester.

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

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 Colchester as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of
amendment on March 6, 2018.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 113 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 113. TOWN OF COLCHESTER

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1 § 202. ELECTIVE OFFICERS; GENERALLY

2 (a) At the annual meeting, the Town shall elect by Australian ballot from
3 among the legally qualified voters thereof the following Town officers, who
4 shall serve until the next annual meeting or until others are chosen.

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6 ~~(3) A Town Clerk and Treasurer for a term of two years.~~

7 ~~(4)~~ One Lister for a term of three years.

8 ~~(5)~~(4) A Library Trustee for a term of five years.

9 (b) In such case as three or more candidates run for the same office and no
10 candidate receives at least 40 percent of the votes cast for said office, no one
11 shall be declared elected and a run-off election shall be held. The only
12 candidates in the run-off election shall be the two persons receiving the
13 greatest number of votes for that office. The Town Clerk shall within ~~7~~ seven
14 days warn a run-off election to be held not less than 15 nor more than 30 days
15 after the date of the warning. The person receiving a plurality of all votes cast
16 in a run-off election shall be declared elected.

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18 § 404. POWERS AND DUTIES

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20 (k) The Town Manager shall have authority to appoint, fix the salary of,
21 suspend, and remove all employees of the Town, including the Town Clerk

1 and Treasurer, subject to the provisions of this ~~chapter~~ charter. The Town
2 Manager shall obtain the advice and consent of a majority of the Selectboard
3 before appointing or fixing the salary of the head of any department, including
4 the Town Clerk and Treasurer.

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6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.