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Introduced by Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of  
Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal charters; Town of  
Williston; amendments

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

(1) allow the Town of Williston to adopt any charter provision approved  
for any other municipality, without seeking approval from the General  
Assembly;

(2) authorize the Town Manager to appoint and remove the Town  
Library Director with advice and consent of the Library Board of Trustees; and

(3) authorize a Town-specific procedure for contract impasse resolution.

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

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

2 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

3 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town  
4 of Williston as set forth in this act. The voters approved proposals of  
5 amendment on March 3, 2020.

6 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 156 is amended to read:

7 CHAPTER 156. TOWN OF WILLISTON

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9 § 2. APPLICATION OF GENERAL LAW; CHARTER

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11 (d) Any charter provision approved for any other municipality may be  
12 adopted by majority vote of the electorate as a charter provision in the Town of  
13 Williston charter without the need to return to the General Assembly for  
14 approval, provided that notice is given to the Secretary of State within 30 days  
15 of the vote to approve the amendment.

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17 § 16. THE TOWN MANAGER

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19 (h) Responsibilities of the Town Manager and authority:

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1           (1) the existing collective bargaining agreement shall remain in full  
2           force and effect until a successor agreement is negotiated;

3           (2) both parties shall participate in a mediation process in a time and  
4           manner agreed upon by both parties;

5           (3) if the mediation process is not successful, both parties shall  
6           participate in a fact-finding process in a time and manner agreed upon by both  
7           parties; and

8           (4) following release of the fact-finder's report, if the impasse remains  
9           beyond 60 days following the date of the release, binding arbitration may be  
10          considered, but only if agreed upon by both parties.

11          Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12          This act shall take effect on passage.