

1 S.255

2 Introduced by Senators Snelling, Mazza and Miller

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Transportation; Chittenden County Transportation Authority; charter
6 amendment; regional transit authority

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the charter of the

8 Chittenden County Transportation Authority to change it to a regional transit

9 authority and allow it to combine with non-Chittenden County transit service.

10 An act relating to an amendment to the charter of the Chittenden County
11 Transportation Authority

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

13 Sec. 1. Secs. 2, 3, 6, and 7 of No. 122 of the Acts of 1973 are amended to
14 read:

15 Sec. 2. Area of Operation

16 The area of operation shall be Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden County, and
17 ~~may additionally include the boundaries of municipalities in adjoining~~
18 ~~counties, if such municipalities determine to join the authority as set forth in~~
19 ~~section 3 of this act, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, and Washington~~
20 Counties; and any other county as approved by the secretary of transportation.

1 Sec. 3. Membership in the authority

2 Membership in the authority shall consist of those municipalities
3 which elect to join the authority by majority vote of its voters present
4 and voting on said question at an annual or special meeting duly
5 warned for such purpose prior to July 1, 2010. Beginning July 1, 2010,
6 a municipality may hold an annual meeting or a special meeting for the
7 purpose of determining through election of by majority vote of its
8 voters present and voting on said question only if the municipality is
9 specifically authorized to join the authority either under Sec. 5 of this
10 act or by resolution duly passed by the Chittenden County
11 Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners. The initial meeting
12 of a municipality called to determine whether or not to join the
13 authority shall be warned in the manner provided by law, except that
14 for such meeting only, any warning need not be posted for a period in
15 excess of 20 days, any other provision of law or municipal charter to
16 the contrary notwithstanding. Membership may be terminated only in
17 the manner provided in section 8 of this act.

18 Sec. 6. Government and organization

19 (a) The officers of the authority, and their election or designation shall be
20 as follows:

1 concurrence of ~~all~~ the legislative bodies of at least three-quarters of the
2 member municipalities.

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4 Sec. 2. Sec. 48 of No. 56 of the Acts of 2003 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 48. Sec. 4(c)(11) of No. 122 of the Acts of 1973 is amended to read:

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7 (11) Within Chittenden County and its member municipalities, to
8 acquire by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any real property
9 which it may have found necessary for its purposes, in the manner provided for
10 the condemnation of land or rights therein as set forth in sections 221-233 of
11 Title 19, and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto;

12 Sec. 3. OPERATING NAME

13 The legal name of the Chittenden County Transportation Authority shall
14 remain the same, but the operating name of “Green Mountain Transportation
15 Authority” shall be used outside Chittenden County and may be used in
16 Chittenden County.

17 Sec. 4. ASSESSMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN
18 COUNTY

19 Municipalities that vote to join Chittenden County Transportation Authority
20 on or after July 1, 2010, shall negotiate with the board of commissioners of the
21 Chittenden County Transportation Authority on the amount of the levy to be

1 assessed upon the municipality and terms of payment of that assessment; and
2 the municipality may not join prior to agreement with the authority on terms of
3 the levy and payment. Upon the addition of one municipality to the
4 membership of the Chittenden County Transportation Authority from outside
5 Chittenden County, said authority shall immediately begin work on the
6 formula for assessment that will be approved in accordance with this act.

7 Sec. 5. MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP
8 IN THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
9 AUTHORITY

10 (a) The following municipalities are authorized to hold an election for the
11 purpose of determining membership in the Chittenden County Transportation
12 Authority: Barre City, Berlin, Colchester, Hinesburg, Montpelier, Morrisville,
13 Richmond, St. Albans City, Stowe, and Waterbury.

14 Sec. 6. OTHER REPRESENTATION

15 Those counties in the Chittenden County Transportation Authority service
16 area that receive either local fixed or local deviated fixed route public
17 transportation service, exclusive of commuter services, from the Chittenden
18 County Transportation Authority that do not have a municipal member from
19 their county on the Chittenden County Transportation Authority Board are
20 eligible to appoint a board member to the Chittenden County Transportation
21 Authority from a member of their regional planning commission or regional

1 planning commission staff to represent their interests on the Chittenden County

2 Transportation Authority Board.

3 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect upon passage.