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2 Introduced by Representatives Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Bluemle of  
3 Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper  
4 of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington,  
5 Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of  
6 Burlington

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington;  
10 amendments

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
12 amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington to establish new district  
13 and ward boundaries for purposes of City elections.

14 An act relating to approval of amendments to the election boundary  
15 provisions of the charter of the City of Burlington

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

17 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

18 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
19 of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of  
20 amendment on March 7, 2023.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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4 § 2. ELECTION BOUNDARIES

5 (a) City districts described. For the annual meeting of ~~2015~~ 2024 and all  
6 City elections thereafter, the City of Burlington is divided into four electoral  
7 districts, constituted as follows:

8 (1) East District. The East District shall include all that part of said City  
9 lying easterly and northerly of the following described boundaries: Beginning  
10 at the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and Winooski in the  
11 Winooski River beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of  
12 the Lower Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence westerly in the centerline  
13 of said railroad tracks, ~~crossing Intervale Road, for 406.6 feet to a point where~~  
14 ~~the centerline of Hyde Street~~ Intervale Road extended ~~northeasterly~~ northerly  
15 intersects said railroad track centerline (~~approximately -73.2045 longitude,~~  
16 ~~44.4912 latitude~~) (approximately -73.2028 longitude, 44.4911 latitude); thence  
17 southerly along the extension of the centerline of ~~Hyde Street, continuing on~~  
18 ~~the centerline of Hyde Street to the intersection of the centerline of North~~  
19 ~~Willard Street; thence southerly along the centerline of North Willard Street to~~  
20 ~~the intersection of the centerline of Pearl Street; thence westerly along the~~  
21 ~~centerline of Pearl Street to the intersection of the centerline of South~~

1 ~~Winooski Avenue; thence southerly along the centerline of South Winooski~~  
2 ~~Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Main Street; thence easterly~~  
3 ~~along the centerline of Main Street to the intersection of the western property~~  
4 ~~line of 525 Main Street extended, containing the Main Street Water Reservoir~~  
5 ~~(approximately 73.1992 longitude, 44.4763 latitude); thence southerly along~~  
6 ~~the western property boundary of 525 Main Street to its southwestern corner~~  
7 ~~approximately 73.1991 longitude, 44.4746 latitude); thence easterly along the~~  
8 ~~southern property boundary of 525 Main Street to its southeastern corner~~  
9 ~~(approximately 73.1984 longitude, 44.4746 latitude); thence southwesterly~~  
10 ~~along the western property boundaries of 49, 55, and 59 University Terrace to~~  
11 ~~the southwestern corner of 59 University Terrace (approximately 73.1987~~  
12 ~~longitude, 44.4742 latitude); thence southeasterly along the southern property~~  
13 ~~boundaries of 59 University Terrace and 60 University Terrace, extended to~~  
14 ~~the centerline of University Heights Road (approximately 73.1964 longitude,~~  
15 ~~44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of University Heights~~  
16 ~~Road 1,314 feet to its intersection with the extended centerline of the walkway~~  
17 ~~servicing the University of Vermont Southwick Hall and the Music Building~~  
18 ~~from the Redstone Campus loop road (approximately 73.1968 longitude,~~  
19 ~~44.4698 latitude); thence westerly along the extended walkway and walkway~~  
20 ~~centerline, with the Music Building to the north and Southwick Hall to the~~  
21 ~~south, 367 feet to its intersection with the centerline of the Redstone Campus~~

1     ~~loop road (approximately -73.1982 longitude, 44.4698 latitude); thence~~  
2     ~~northerly and then westerly along the centerline of the Redstone Campus loop~~  
3     ~~road to its intersection with the centerline of South Prospect Street; thence~~  
4     ~~southerly along the centerline of South Prospect Street to its intersection with~~  
5     ~~the centerline of the Davis Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of~~  
6     ~~Davis Road to its intersection with University Heights Road, continuing~~  
7     ~~easterly along the centerline of Davis Road to its intersection of Intervale~~  
8     ~~Road, crossing Riverside Avenue until the centerline intersects with that of the~~  
9     ~~Archibald Street centerline extended easterly; thence westerly along the~~  
10    ~~Archibald Street centerline until the intersection of the Archibald Street~~  
11    ~~centerline and the North Willard Street centerline; thence southerly along the~~  
12    ~~North Willard Street Centerline until the intersection of the North Willard~~  
13    ~~Street centerline and the Pearl Street Centerline; thence westerly along the~~  
14    ~~Pearl Street centerline until intersecting with the South Winooski Avenue~~  
15    ~~centerline; thence southerly along the South Winooski Avenue centerline~~  
16    ~~until intersecting the Maple Street centerline; thence easterly along the Maple~~  
17    ~~Street centerline for 1573.5 feet to a point where the eastern property boundary~~  
18    ~~of 315 Maple Street extended northerly intersects Maple Street (approximately~~  
19    ~~-73.2064 longitude, 44.4739 latitude); thence southerly along the eastern~~  
20    ~~property boundary of 315 Maple Street for 276.5 feet (approximately -73.2064~~  
21    ~~longitude, 44.4734 latitude); thence 281.4 feet westerly to a point where the~~

1 southern property boundary of 315 Maple Street extended westerly intersect  
2 with the western boundary of 251 South Willard Street extended northerly  
3 (approximately -73.2071 longitude, 44.4733 latitude), thence 723.7 feet 177°  
4 southerly to a point where it intersects the southern property boundary of 285  
5 South Willard Street extended westerly (approximately -73.2071 longitude,  
6 44.4719 latitude); thence easterly along the southern boundary of 285 South  
7 Willard Street for 696.5 feet until intersecting with the South Willard Street  
8 centerline (approximately -73.2051 longitude, 44.472 latitude); thence  
9 northerly along the South Willard Street centerline for 220.9 feet  
10 (approximately -73.2052 longitude, 44.4724 latitude); thence easterly along the  
11 southern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 557.6 feet  
12 (approximately -73.2037 longitude, 44.4725 latitude); thence northerly along  
13 the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for 89.6 feet to a  
14 point where the Juniper Terrace centerline extended westerly intersects the  
15 eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street (approximately -  
16 73.2037 longitude, 44.4726 latitude); thence following the Juniper Terrace  
17 centerline easterly until intersecting with the Summit Street centerline  
18 (approximately -73.2021 longitude, 44.4727 latitude); thence northerly  
19 along the Summit Street centerline until reaching the centerline of Main Street  
20 thence following the Main Street centerline easterly 2339.6 feet  
21 (approximately -73.1964 longitude, 44.4753 latitude); thence southwesterly

1 214° for 136.1 feet (approximately -73.1966 longitude, 44.4751 latitude);  
2 thence southeasterly 98.2 feet (approximately -73.1964 longitude, 44.4749  
3 latitude); thence southwesterly by 213° for 770 feet (approximately -73.1975  
4 longitude, 44.4737 latitude); thence southeasterly by 123° for 477.4 feet until  
5 intersecting with the University Heights centerline (approximately -73.1964  
6 longitude, 44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of  
7 University Heights Road 1221.65 feet until intersecting with the PFG Road  
8 centerline, thence westerly by 79° until intersecting with the common  
9 boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

10 (2) Central District. The Central District shall include all that part of the  
11 City bounded as follows: On the east, beginning at the common boundary  
12 between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River  
13 ~~at the intersection of a point intersecting with~~ the centerline of Institute Road  
14 extended northeasterly (approximately ~~-73.2139~~ -73.2147 longitude, ~~44.5077~~  
15 44.5089 latitude); thence southerly along the common boundary between the  
16 City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River to a point  
17 beneath the Central Vermont Railway bridge downstream of the Lower  
18 Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole; thence ~~southerly~~ westerly along the East  
19 District ~~western~~ northern boundary ~~to its intersection with the centerline of~~  
20 ~~Main Street; continuing southerly along the centerline of South Winooski~~  
21 ~~Avenue to~~ for 406.6 feet to its intersection with the westerly boundary of the

1 East District; thence southerly along the westerly boundary of the East District  
2 to its intersection with the centerline of Archibald Street, then southerly along  
3 the East District western boundary to the intersection with the centerline of  
4 Pearl Street; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the East District  
5 to the intersection with the centerline of South Winooski Avenue; thence  
6 southerly along the western boundary of the East District to the centerline of  
7 Maple Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Maple Street until its  
8 intersection with the centerline of South Champlain street; thence northerly  
9 along the South Champlain Street centerline until its intersection with the  
10 centerline of King Street; on the south along the centerline of King Street  
11 extended westerly to Lake Champlain; on the west by Lake Champlain; on the  
12 north, beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary between  
13 87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake  
14 Champlain (approximately -73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence  
15 northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue  
16 and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central  
17 Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately -73.2239 longitude, 44.4837  
18 latitude); thence northerly and easterly along the centerline of the Central  
19 Vermont Railway railroad track, crossing North Avenue and the Burlington  
20 Beltline, to its intersection with the centerline of Spring Street extended  
21 northwesterly (approximately -73.2183 longitude, 44.4912 latitude); thence

1 northwesterly along the extension of the centerline of Spring Street to its  
2 intersection with the centerline of Institute Road extended northeasterly  
3 (approximately -73.2281 longitude, 44.4995 latitude); thence northeasterly  
4 along the extension of the centerline of Institute Road extended to its  
5 intersection with the common boundary between the City of Burlington and  
6 Town of Colchester in the Winooski River (approximately -73.2139 longitude,  
7 44.5077 latitude).

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9 (b) Wards described. Each of the City of Burlington's four electoral  
10 districts set forth in subsection (a) of this section hereby comprises two wards,  
11 each of which is constituted as follows:

12 (1) East District—Ward 1 and Ward 8.

13 (A) The East District is divided into two wards by the following  
14 boundary: Beginning at the center of the intersection of ~~Pearl Street~~ Brooks  
15 Avenue and South Willard Street; thence ~~southerly~~ easterly along the Brooks  
16 Avenue centerline ~~of South Willard Street to the intersection of the centerline~~  
17 ~~of College Street; thence easterly along the centerline of College Street~~  
18 ~~extended to the intersection of the centerline of University Place; thence~~  
19 ~~southerly along the centerline of University Place to the intersection of the~~  
20 ~~centerline of Main Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Main Street to~~  
21 until intersecting with the centerline of North Prospect Street; thence southerly



1 along the centerline of North prospect Street to the intersection of the  
2 centerline of Colchester Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Mary  
3 Fletcher Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of Mary Fletcher Drive  
4 for 331.58 feet (approximately -73.196 longitude, 44.4802 latitude);  
5 thence southerly along the western side and easterly along the southern side of  
6 the UVM Medical Center building for 1854.5 feet until a point at the center of  
7 the intersection of Beaumont Avenue and Mary Fletcher Drive (approximately  
8 -73.1932 longitude, 44.4788 latitude); thence south along the Beaumont  
9 Avenue centerline to the intersection of Carrigan Drive; thence following  
10 Carrigan Drive westerly for 199.1 feet (approximately -73.1932  
11 longitude, 55.5756 latitude); thence travelling southwesterly for 821.3  
12 feet along the UVM service road on the eastern border of the southeastern  
13 wing of the UVM Jeffords Hall until a point at the intersection of the service  
14 road and the centerline of University Heights extended northeasterly  
15 (approximately -73.1947 longitude, 44.4751 latitude); thence southwesterly  
16 along the centerline of University Heights 977.3 feet (approximately -73.1962  
17 longitude, 44.4735 latitude); thence continuing southeasterly along the  
18 centerline of the driveway bounding the western side of the UVM  
19 Living/Learning Commons for 404.3 feet (approximately -73.1952 longitude,  
20 44.4731 latitude); thence continuing south along the eastern side of UM's  
21 University Heights dorms until intersecting with PFG Road; thence continuing

1 easterly along the western extension of the PFG Road centerline for 601.2 feet  
2 until intersecting with the common boundary between the Cities of Burlington  
3 and South Burlington.

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5 (2) Central District—Ward 2 and Ward 3.

6 (A) The Central District is divided into two wards by the following  
7 boundary: Beginning at the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway  
8 railroad track at the intersection of the centerline of Spring Street extended  
9 northwesterly (approximately -73.2183 longitude, 44.4912  
10 latitude) intersection of the common property boundary between 85 North  
11 Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake Champlain  
12 (approximately -73.2252 longitude, -44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly  
13 along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue and 9  
14 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central Vermont  
15 Railway railroad track (approximately -73.224 longitude, 44.4837 latitude);  
16 thence southeasterly along the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway  
17 railroad track to a point intersecting with the northwestern property boundary  
18 of 300 Lake Street extended southwesterly (approximately -73.2234 longitude,  
19 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly to a point at the intersection of the  
20 northwestern property boundary of 300 Lake Street extended northeasterly  
21 with the centerline of Depot Street (approximately -73.2223 longitude, 44.4837

1 latitude); thence northerly along the centerline of Depot Street to the  
2 intersection with the centerline of Lakeview Terrace; thence southerly easterly  
3 along the centerline of ~~Spring Street~~ Lakeview Terrace extended  
4 northwesterly, continuing along the centerline of Spring Street to its  
5 intersection westerly until intersecting with the centerline of Elmwood North  
6 Avenue; thence southerly northerly along the centerline of Elmwood North  
7 Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Pearl North Street; thence  
8 easterly along the centerline of Pearl North Street to the intersection of the  
9 centerlines of North and South Winooski Avenue until intersecting with the  
10 North Union Street centerline; thence southerly following the North Union  
11 Street centerline until intersecting with the Loomis Street centerline; thence  
12 easterly along the Loomis Street centerline to the intersection of the centerlines  
13 of Loomis Street and South Willard Avenue.

14 (B) Ward 2 lies to the east north of the boundary described in  
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), and Ward 3 lies to the west south.

16 (3) South District—Ward 5 and Ward 6.

17 (A) The South District is divided into two wards by the following  
18 boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of ~~King~~ Maple  
19 Street and Saint Paul Church Street; thence southerly along the centerline of  
20 Saint Paul Church Street to the intersection with the centerline of Adams  
21 Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Adams Street to the intersection

1 with the centerline of Saint Paul Street; thence southerly along the Saint Paul  
2 Street centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Shelburne Street;  
3 thence southerly along the centerline of Shelburne Street to its intersection  
4 with the centerline of Flynn Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of  
5 Flynn Avenue extended easterly to the common boundary between the Cities  
6 of Burlington and South Burlington.

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8 (4) North District—Ward 4 and Ward 7.

9 (A) The North District is divided into two wards by the following  
10 boundary: Beginning at the ~~intersection of the centerlines of North Avenue~~  
11 ~~and the Central Vermont Railway railroad track~~ centerline of Institute Road  
12 extended southwesterly to Lake Champlain; thence northeasterly to the  
13 intersection of Institute Road with the centerline of North Avenue; thence  
14 northerly along the centerline of North Avenue to its intersection with the  
15 centerline of Fairfield Drive; thence westerly along the centerline of Fairfield  
16 Drive to its intersection with the western property boundary of 39 Westward  
17 Drive extended southerly (approximately -73.2685 longitude, 44.5257  
18 latitude); thence northerly along the western property ~~boundaries~~ boundary of  
19 39 ~~and 40~~ Westward Drive, ~~continuing northerly along the western property~~  
20 ~~boundaries of properties fronting the west side of Hardy Avenue to the~~  
21 ~~southern boundary of 35 Derway Drive; thence westerly along the southern~~

1 boundary of ~~35 Derway Drive~~, extended to its intersection with the centerline  
2 of ~~Derway Drive~~ (approximately ~~-73.2690~~ longitude, ~~44.5249~~ latitude); thence  
3 northeasterly along the centerline of ~~Derway Drive~~ to its intersection with the  
4 centerline of ~~Claire Pointe Drive~~; thence northerly along the centerline of  
5 ~~Claire Pointe Drive~~ approximately 44 feet to its intersection with the southern  
6 property boundary of the ~~Claire Pointe condominium development~~ until  
7 intersecting with the centerline of Westward Drive; thence southwesterly along  
8 the centerline of Westward Drive to the intersection with the Northshore Drive  
9 centerline; thence northerly along the Northshore Drive centerline until  
10 intersecting with the Clair Pointe Road centerline (point); thence westerly  
11 along the southern property boundary of the Claire Pointe condominium  
12 development ~~to the Waterfront Bike Path right-of-way~~ approximately 537 feet  
13 (approximately ~~-73.2707~~ -73.2686 longitude, ~~44.5253~~ 44.5286 latitude), and  
14 then extended to Lake Champlain.

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16 (5) Ward map reference. Reference is also made to a map entitled  
17 “Ward Redistricting, 8 Wards — 4 Districts, 12 Councilors, ~~Referred to City~~  
18 ~~Council by CC Committee (v.3), Map Date: December 2, 2013~~ Approved Map  
19 (December 2 V1.3), Map Date: December 8, 2022” located in the Burlington  
20 Chief Administrative Officer’s office in further aid of the description of the  
21 wards set forth in this subsection.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.