

No. M-9. An act relating to approval of an amendment to the ranked choice voting provisions of the charter of the City of Burlington.

(H.508)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of amendment on March 7, 2023.

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

CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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§ 5. ELECTION TO BE BY BALLOT; METHOD OF ELECTION;

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

~~(a) The election of the Mayor and school commissioners shall be by ballot, and the person or persons receiving a plurality of all votes cast for any office aforesaid shall, except as hereinafter provided, be declared elected thereto. However, if no person receives at least 40 percent of all votes cast for any office aforesaid, no one shall be declared elected and a runoff election shall be held. The only candidates in the runoff election shall be the two persons receiving the greater number of votes or, in case of a tie, the persons receiving the greatest number of votes or the persons receiving the second greatest number of votes. The Chief Administrative Officer shall within seven days warn a runoff election to be held not less than 12 days nor more than 20 days~~

~~after the date of the warning. The warning shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and posted in a public place. The person or persons receiving a plurality of all the votes cast in a runoff election shall be declared elected.~~

(b) All elections of the Mayor, City Councilors, school commissioners, and ward election officers shall be by ballot, using a system of ranked choice voting without a separate runoff election. The Chief Administrative Officer shall implement a ranked choice voting protocol according to these guidelines:

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date on which Governor allowed bill to become law without his signature:

May 27, 2023