

No. M-8. An act relating to approval of amendments to the polling place provisions of the charter of the City of Burlington.

(H.507)

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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§ 19. ~~WHERE ELECTIONS HELD; EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE~~

BALLOTS DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES

~~Annual and special elections shall be held in the several wards.~~

~~Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. chapter 51, the ballots of early or absentee voters may be returned to the ward clerks of the various wards within the City~~ At least 30 days prior to a local, primary, or general election, the City Council, in consultation with the City Clerk's Office, ward clerks, and inspectors of election, shall determine the number and location of polling places. Polling places shall be located in each ward unless a more accessible facility is available outside the ward that is in as close proximity as possible to the ward in which each voter resides. If more than one polling place is located within

the same building, each shall be located so that it is separate and distinct from the others, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2501(e).

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 25, 2023