No. M-11. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Calais.

(H.534)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of the Town of Calais as set forth in this act. The voters approved this charter on March 7, 2017.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 108C is added to read:

CHAPTER 108C. TOWN OF CALAIS

§ 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly, there is hereby enacted a charter to govern the organization and operation of local government in the Town of Calais.

(b) The inhabitants of the Town of Calais, within the geographical limits as now established, shall continue to be a municipal corporation by the name of the Town of Calais.

§ 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION

(a) The Town of Calais shall have all powers granted to towns and municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State and this chapter, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers therein granted.

(b) Except when changed, enlarged, or modified by the provisions of this chapter, all provisions of the statutes of the State applying to towns and municipal corporations shall apply to the Town.

(c) In this chapter, any mention of a particular power shall not be construed to restrict the scope of the powers that the Town would have if the particular power were not mentioned, unless this chapter otherwise provides.

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit in any way the powers and functions conferred on the Town, the Selectboard, or its elected or appointed officers by general or special enactment of State statutes or rules in force or effect or hereafter enacted, and the powers and functions conferred by this chapter shall be cumulative and in addition to the provisions of the general or special enactment unless this chapter otherwise provides.

§ 3. TREASURER

The Selectboard shall annually appoint a Town Treasurer who shall perform all the duties of town treasurers as required by State statute and those additional duties specified by the Selectboard. The Town Treasurer shall be the collector of current taxes. The Town Treasurer shall not be Treasurer of the Town School District; the Town School District Treasurer shall be elected by the voters of the Town School District. The Town Treasurer need not be a resident or voter of Calais and shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectboard.

§ 4. AUDITOR

The Selectboard shall annually appoint a Town Auditor who shall perform all the duties of Town Auditors as required by State statute and those additional duties specified by the Selectboard. The Town Auditor need not be a resident or voter of Calais and shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectboard. Not less than every three years, the Selectboard shall contract with a public accountant, licensed in this State, to perform a financial audit of all funds of the Town.

§ 5. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this chapter is held invalid, the other provisions of the chapter shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Town Treasurer in office immediately prior to the effective date of this act may continue to hold that office until July 1, 2017. On that date, the term of the elected Town Treasurer shall expire and a Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the Selectboard as provided in 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 108C, § 3.

(b) The Town Auditors in office immediately prior to the effective date of this act may continue to hold that office until July 1, 2017. On that date, the terms of the elected Town Auditors shall expire and a Town Auditor shall be appointed by the Selectboard as provided in 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 108C, § 4.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 30, 2017