

PHILIP B. SCOTT  
GOVERNOR



State of Vermont  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 19, 2022

Vermont General Assembly  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633

Re: H.744, AN ACT RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

Dear Legislators:

Today, I am letting H.744, *An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the city of Burlington* go into law without my signature.

I'm allowing it to move forward because its scope is limited to the method of elections of the Burlington City Council. Ten years ago, Burlington voters rejected a similar instant runoff election system because it yielded flawed results. Nevertheless, the political winds have shifted and once again Burlington voters, for now, favor ranked choice voting.

While H.744 will become law, it will be without my signature. I want to be clear, I am opposed to a statewide system of ranked choice voting. I believe one person should get one vote, and candidates who get the most votes should win elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip B. Scott', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

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