



HOUSE BILL 268: City of Belmont Charter Revisions.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 268 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the City of Belmont.*

CURRENT LAW: The City of Belmont was incorporated in 1895. Since that time, the Charter has been modified by three dozen acts of the General Assembly. The Charter has not been consolidated and updated into one document since 1895.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 268 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the City of Belmont.

Specifically, the Bill would:

- Repeal the initial Charter, and replace it with standard modern Charter provisions setting out the City's basic powers and name.
- Repeal street and sidewalk improvement and assessment Charter provisions unique to Belmont, substituting general State law.
- Repeal a force account limit in the Charter, substituting general State law.
- Repeal unique Charter provisions concerning implementation of the council-manager form of government.
- Incorporate by reference in the Charter *existing City powers* granted by various session laws concerning: the City's ETJ boundary, water and sewer and street lighting special assessment procedure, the City's occupancy tax, and its exemption from the 10% area limitation on voluntary satellite annexation.
- Repeal local acts on elections, police authority, and boxing that have been superseded by State law.
- Repeal obsolete local acts describing the City's boundaries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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