



SENATE BILL 754: Nashville/Revised & Consolidated Charter.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee: House Local Government. If favorable, re- **Date:** June 29, 2022
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House

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 754 would revise and consolidate the charter of the Town of Nashville. The act would be effective when it becomes law.*

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Nashville (Town) was incorporated in 1815, and its Charter was last revised and consolidated in 1969. The Town operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The governing body of the Town includes the Mayor and a four-member Town Council. Members of the Council are elected at large in nonpartisan elections and serve staggered, four-year terms.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 754 would do all of the following:

- Revise the Charter of the Town and consolidate certain acts concerning the property, affairs, and government of the Town. It would continue those provisions of prior acts that are expressly consolidated into this act, so that all accrued rights and liabilities could be enforced.
- Address the following topics in the revised Charter: incorporation, corporate powers and boundaries; expansion of corporate boundaries; governing body; elections; organization and administration; contracts and finance.
- Repeal local acts that are no longer needed or have been consolidated into the Charter.
- Provide that the Mayor and members of the Council serving on the date of ratification of this act would serve until the expiration of their terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. It would also continue to provide for staggered, four-year terms for Council members.
- Provide that all existing ordinances, resolutions, and other provisions of the Town that are not inconsistent with this act would continue until repealed or amended.
- Clarify that whenever a reference is made to a particular provision of the General Statutes and the provision is later amended, superseded, or recodified, the reference is deemed amended to refer to the amended General Statute or to the General Statute that most clearly corresponds to the statutory provision superseded or recodified.
- Include a severability clause.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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