

CHAPTER 15.

**AN ACT Validating the Election Procedures in the Charter Adopted by the Town of Charlestown on November 4, 1980.**

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Approved by  
the Governor  
March 25, 1981.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, A charter was adopted by the voters of the town of Charlestown in accordance with article XXVIII of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the state of Rhode Island, on November 4, 1980; and

Town of Charlestown's charter-election procedures validated:

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Article XVII of said charter provides in part as follows:

ARTICLE XVII  
INAUGURATION, SUCCESSION AND  
AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

Inauguration, succession and amendment of charter.

Chapter 1

Inauguration of Charter Government

17-1-1. EFFECTIVE DATE. — For the purpose of nominating and electing the elective officers of the town, and of preparing, presenting, and adopting the budget, this Charter shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the electors of the town of Charlestown. For all other purposes this charter shall be in effect from and after the beginning of the town's fiscal year 1981-1982, that is July 1, 1981, except as provided in section 6-4-1 of this Charter. All appointive officers, including the administrator and heads and members of departments and agencies of the town, shall be appointed and qualified pursuant to the provisions of this charter as promptly as possible.

Effective date.

**It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:**

Section 1. VALIDATION OF ELECTION PROCEDURES. — All election procedures in the said charter

Validation of election procedures.

of the town of Charlestown are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted.

General  
validation.

Sec. 2. GENERAL VALIDATION. — In all other respects in which said Charlestown charter may require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said Charlestown Charter are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated, and enacted. Any act or thing heretofore done or purported to be done under the provisions of said charter is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Separability.

Sec. 3. SEPARABILITY. — If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the said town of Charlestown or to any person or circumstance is held invalid by reason of being deemed in violation of any provision of the constitution of the state of Rhode Island or otherwise, the remainder of this act, or the application of such provision to said town or to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Short title.

Sec. 4. SHORT TITLE. — This act shall be known as the Charlestown Charter Validation Act.

Act effective  
when.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, other than hereinabove provided, are hereby repealed.