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**Subject: Charters, Limit on Right to Grant or Amend**

PROPOSAL 3

Sec. 1. Section 69 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution be amended to read:

§69. CHARTERS, LIMIT ON RIGHT TO GRANT OR AMEND

SECTION 69. \*[No]\* Except as otherwise provided in this section, no charter of incorporation shall be granted, extended, changed or amended by special law, except for such \*[municipal]\* charitable, educational, penal or reformatory corporations as are to be and remain under the patronage or control of the State; but the General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the organization of all corporations hereafter to be created. All general laws passed pursuant to this \*[section]\* paragraph may be altered from time to time or repealed.

The General Assembly may grant a charter of incorporation to a municipality by special law but shall not amend a municipal charter. Amendment of a municipal charter shall be the sole right of the voters of the municipality except that the General Assembly may, by special law, repeal a charter amendment enacted by the voters.