SENATE . . . . No. 2524

Senate, December 11, 2023 -- Substituted as a new draft (Senator Tarr) for the Senate Bill relative to appointing the town clerk of the town of Wenham (Senate, No. 2387).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

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An Act changing the position of town clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in

2   the town of Wenham the position of appointed town clerk. The town clerk shall be appointed and

3   may be removed by the select board and shall serve at the pleasure of the select board. The town

4   clerk shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties imposed

5   by law on town clerks.

6   SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Wenham at the next

7   town election following the effective date of this act in the form of the following question that

8   shall be placed on the official ballot:

9   "Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled 'An Act changing the position of town

10   clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position' be accepted?

11   Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by town counsel and

12   approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question are in the

13   affirmative, section 1 shall take effect in the town of Wenham, but not otherwise.

14   SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this act by the voters of the town of Wenham, the

15   elected office of town clerk shall be abolished and the term of the elected incumbent terminated;

16   provided, however, that the elected incumbent holding the office of town clerk shall serve for a

17   period of 5 months as the appointed town clerk, after which period appointments to the position

18   of town clerk shall be made in accordance with section 1.