

JOINT COMMITTEE ON

MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

2021-2022 Biennial Report

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Dear Colleagues,

It was our great pleasure to chair the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government during the 2021-2022 legislative session.

After the Governor rescinded his declaration of a state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Massachusetts, additional legislation was enacted to help local officials cope with ongoing impacts and concerns caused by COVID-19. Various stakeholders, as well as legislators and the public at large, continue to debate the need to provide alternate methods of holding public meetings while balancing public safety with transparency and public accountability.

The use of fossil fuel infrastructure in new and existing construction was a major topic of discussion. Several communities petitioned for permission to restrict the use of natural gas or petroleum-based heating and cooling systems and infrastructure in favor of using renewable energy sources. These bills were subsequently discharged to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, and led to the enactment of a clean energy and climate bill that allows 10 cities and towns to participate in a pilot program to restrict or prohibit the use of fossil fuels in most construction or major renovation projects.

Some legislation considered by the committee included proposals to change zoning to increase the number of solar panels used in new and existing construction. Other bills sought to protect pets and improve consumer protection, encourage the growth of affordable housing, protect the environment and improve municipal practices related to personnel management and finance. The committee has also seen a steady stream of bills designed to make city and town charters or governmental bodies gender neutral. A growing number of towns have chosen to change their "Board of Selectmen" to a "Select Board" to reflect the diverse nature of the people who are elected to serve on those boards, and we expect more will follow.

In January 2021 the House Chair, Rep. Lori Ehrlich, was appointed by President Joseph Biden to serve as Region 1 Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Vice Chair Rep. Paul Tucker became Acting House Chair of the committee. We applaud former Rep. Ehrlich's 14 years of service in the House of Representatives and her work on the committee.

We invite you to review the following report of the committee's activities.

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It shall be the duty of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to consider matters seeking the enactment of special laws for a city or town, the establishment of economic, district and local planning commissions, rent control and zoning, and matters concerning the various counties, former counties and regional government entities, including the salaries and tenure of employees, registers of deeds and sheriffs (but excluding the retirement of such employees) and such other matters as may be referred.

Summary of Committee Activity

2021-2022

The committee conducted 25 public hearings from April 2021 until December 2022, which consisted of 10 virtual hearings and 15 where only written testimony was solicited. Members heard from and engaged in discussion with local officials, various local board and commission members, statewide advocacy organizations and coalitions, affected constituents, the Governor's office and other Executive Branch agencies, as well as fellow legislators and members of the general public. Following the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency on March 10, 2020, the committee suspended in-person public hearings, and conducted virtual hearings or solicited written testimony on pending legislation. This practice continued throughout the 2021-2022 legislative session.

Of the 351 bills that were referred to the committee, 351 were reported out of committee. Of that number, 57 bills were placed into a study order and 15 were discharged to another committee. One bill, H.2186, An Act relative to sanctuary cities and towns, was reported out as "ought not to pass."

Finally, 167 pieces of legislation reported out by the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government were signed into law during the 192nd Session of the General Court.

Total Petitions Referred: 351
Public Hearings Conducted: 25
Polls Conducted: 34
Bills Signed into Law: 167
General: 2
Special: 165

* A home-rule petition is legislation that is submitted on behalf of a city or town under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution. Such legislation requires the certified local approval of a town's voters or town meeting, city council and mayor or other legislative body of a city. Legislation filed by the Governor on behalf of a city or town may also be enacted by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. Other special legislation may pertain to a particular county, district, or region but is technically not a home-rule.

Bills Signed into Law, by Year and Chapter Number

2021-2022

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Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the city of Everett

Sponsor: Sen. Sal DiDomenico

Summary: This act makes various changes to the Everett charter. These include changes to the terms of various city officials, to the ability for former officials to hold other city offices, to the membership of the school committee, to local ballots and elections, and to the citizen referendum and recall petition processes. See S.41

Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2021

An Act providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Freetown

Sponsor: Rep. Carole Fiola and Sen. Michael Rodrigues

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Freetown to appoint no more than 2 alternate members to the conservation commission to serve terms of 1 year. The chair of the conservation commission may designate an alternate member to sit on the commission if there is an absence, inability to act, conflict of interest, or vacancy on the commission. See H.2156

Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the city of Northampton

Sponsor: Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa and Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act makes various changes to the Northampton charter. Changes to the charter include removing the requirement that the city council president consult with the mayor and city clerk when setting the council agenda, authorizing the city council to determine the time and place of regular council meetings, modifying the list of city council actions that the mayor must approve, inserting new language concerning the mayor's temporary absence, procedures for vacancies in the office of the mayor, school committee and various other city boards and committees, independent audit of the city's finances, signature requirements for preliminary elections, restrictions regarding placing the words "candidate for reelection" appearing next to a candidate's name on a ballot, and making references to the presiding officer of multiple-member boards and committees gender neutral. See H.3995

Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2021

An Act revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Ashe and Sen. Eric Lesser

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Longmeadow to revoke it acceptance of Chapter 51 Section 16A of MGL, which established a 4-member board of election commissioners. The town of Longmeadow is required to re-establish a board of registrars, which shall include the town clerk and 3 other members who shall be appointed using procedures established in Chapter 51 Section 15 of MGL. See H.94

Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair

Sponsor: Sen. Diana DiZoglio and Rep. James Kelcourse

Summary: This act amends the Amesbury charter by holding that the school committee shall be composed of 7 members, 6 of whom shall be elected to serve 4-year terms and 1 who is the mayor. After each biennial city election, the school committee shall reorganize and choose a chair, vice chair, and clerk from amongst its membership. This act shall be submitted to the voters of Amesbury as a ballot question at the next biennial city election and if approve, any person elected as mayor at such election may serve as the chair at the discretion of the school committee. See S.2450

Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years

Sponsor: Sen. Diana DiZoglio and Rep. James Kelcourse

Summary: This act amends the city charter of Amesbury by changing the term length for the mayor from 2 to 4 years. The act shall be submitted to the voters of Amesbury at the next biennial city election in the form of a ballot question. If the voters approve this question, the act shall be applicable to the city. See S.2449

Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2021

An Act changing the name of the members of the city council in the city of Woburn from alderman to councilor

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Haggerty

Summary: This act amends Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1897, which concerns the Woburn city charter, by striking out language that references gender for the members of the city council and replacing it with gender neutral language. The act strikes out the words "aldermen, alderman, boards of aldermen, and aldermen-at-large" each time they appear and replaces them with gender neutral language including the words "councilor, city council, councilor-at-large, and councilors". See H.3947

Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2021

An Act authorizing the city of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Mark and Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Greenfield to lease a parcel of land on Leyden Road to Just Roots, Inc. The lease shall be for agricultural purposes; provided that the lease may permit land that is not protected by agricultural purposes permitted by the town to be used for non-agricultural purposes permitted by the town including solar electricity generation and materials storage. See H.2189

Chapter 60 of the Acts of 2021

An Act authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Milton

Sponsor: Sen. Walter Timilty

Summary: This act authorizes the treasurer of the town of Milton to invest trust funds that are int he custody of the treasurer in accordance with the Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act. See S.1364

Chapter 63 of the Acts of 2021

An Act relative to the terms for members of the city of Somerville's Zoning Board of Appeals

Sponsor: Sen. Patricia Jehlen

Summary: This act states that each member and associate member of the zoning board of appeals in the city of Somerville shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. The term of 1 or more members may expire in the same year. This act shall not reduce the term for any current member of this board at the time of enactment but shall apply to the reappointment of any member or appointment of a successor. See. 1340

Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2021

An Act to change the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Burlington to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Kenneth Gordon

Summary: This act changes the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Burlington to select board. The act amends Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970 by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and "selectmen" each time they appear and replacing them with the words "select board". See H.2166

Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2021

An Act increasing the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven

Sponsor: Rep. William Straus

Summary: This act increases the number of members on the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen from three to five members. The Board of Selectmen shall elect a chairperson from its members annually. The act also establishes a process for the election of these board of selectmen members. See H.3948

Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2021

An Act redesignating the board of selectmen in the town of Princeton as the selectboard

Sponsor: Sen. Harriette Chandler and Rep. Kimberly Ferguson

Summary: This act redesignates the board of selectmen in the town of Princeton as the selectboard. This board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special laws. See S.2464

Chapter 90 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Carolyn Dykema

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Hopkinton by changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board. The act strikes out the words "board of selectmen", "selectmen", and "selectmen's" each time they appear in the charter and replaces them with "select board", "select board members", and "select board's". See H.4066

Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2021

An Act authorizing the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of South Hadley to the South Hadley Housing Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Carey and Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act authorizes the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority to transfer, without monetary consideration, a parcel of land located in South Hadley to the South Hadley Housing Authority. The property shall be used to provide housing for low-income families. See H.2144

Chapter 95 of the Acts of 2021

An Act further regulating the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Woburn Public Library

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Haggerty

Summary: This act amends a special act that governs the Woburn Public Library and its membership. The act removes a value limitation on how much property the library can own, amends membership and the length terms of the trustees of the library, authorizes the mayor to appoint the library director, requires the board of trustees to provide an annual report of the proceedings of the library to the mayor and city council, and immediately ends the terms of the six current members of the board. See H.3820

Chapter 99 of the Acts of 2021

An Act establishing an open town meeting in the town of Lee

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act repeals a 1968 special act which established a representative town meeting form of government in the town of Lee. The act strikes language referencing town meeting members in additional special acts and vests all legislative powers of the town of Lee in a town meeting that is open to all registered voters of the town of Lee. Additionally, this act requires that the question of acceptance of this act be presented to voters at the next annual town election and if the question is approved by a majority of voters, the provisions of the act shall take effect. See H.4092

Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2021

An Act providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Rehoboth

Sponsor: Rep. Steven Howitt and Sen. Paul Feeney

Summary: This act establishes the appointed position of treasurer-collector in the town of Rehoboth. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of 3 years and shall have all the powers and duties imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The incumbent holding the office of treasurer/collector when this act takes effect shall continue to hold their position until the expiration of their term or a precedent vacating of office. See H.3970

Chapter 104 of the Acts of 2021

An Act authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to Whitewater, Inc.

Sponsor: Rep. Colleen Garry

Summary: This act acknowledges that the town of Dracut inadvertently failed to follow all of the procedures in the uniform procurement law when it awarded a contract for its wastewater pumping stations in 2018 to White Water, Inc. The act authorizes Dracut to pay White Water, Inc. an amount of money notwithstanding its failure to follow all of the uniform procurement procedures. See H.3726

Chapter 105 of the Acts of 2021

An Act amending the charter of the town of North Andover

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr, Sen. Diana DiZoglio, Rep. Christina Minicucci, and Rep. Tram Nguyen

Summary: This act changes the name of the "Disability Commission" in North Andover to the "North Andover Commission on Ability Assistance. The act establishes that the select board shall appoint members of this commission for 3-year overlapping terms. This act also amends Chapter 9 of the town charter of North Andover by inserting new language regarding the process for public hearings on the proposed budget, capital improvements plan, and the publication of the finance committee report. See S.2561

Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2021

An Act further regulating the appointment of finance committee members in the town of Grafton

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian and Sen. Michael Moore

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Grafton by changing who appoints the members of the finance committee from the town moderator to a 3-person committee consisting of the town clerk, a member of the finance committee who is not being considered for reappointment, and the town moderator. The act keeps existing language concerning the number of members on the committee, term of office, and other conditions for the finance committee, and other processes for proposals for town meeting warrants submitted to the finance committee. See H.3705

Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2021

An Act restoring an increase in the membership of the Board of Health in the city of Framingham

Sponsor: Rep. Maria Duaime Robinson and Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis

Summary: This act increases the number of members of the Board of Health in the city of Framingham from 3 to 5. The act sets the initial terms of the new members as 2 years and 3 years, respectively, so that the board's terms are staggered moving forward. See H.4084

Chapter 110 of the Acts of 2021

An Act establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Dunstable

Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Harrington

Summary: This act establishes the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Dunstable, who shall be appointed and may be removed by the board of selectmen. The appointed town clerk shall have all of the powers and duties and shall be subject to the same liabilities and penalties that are imposed on town clerks in state laws. The incumbent elected town clerk shall continue to hold the office and perform their duties until their term expires or they vacate the office, whichever comes first. See H.4101

Chapter 111 of the Acts of 2021

An Act providing for a gender neutral charter in the city of Attleboro

Sponsor: Rep. James Hawkins

Summary: This act replaces any gender referencing language in the city charter of Attleboro with gender neutral language. Specifically, the word "councilman" will be replaced with the words "committee member", "him" is replaced with "him/her", and "his" is replaced with "his/her". See H.2169

Chapter 112 of the Acts of 2021

An Act providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying real estate in the town of Hamilton

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen in the town of Hamilton to establish a qualifying threshold for real estate tax exemptions in the town of Hamilton. The act sets forth the qualifying threshold, other qualification restrictions, and the process to apply for these tax exemptions. See S.1362

Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2021

An Act renaming the board of selectmen as the select board in the town of Hudson

Sponsor: Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. James Eldridge

Summary: This act amends the Hudson town charter by striking out language referencing the board of selectmen and its members and replacing it with gender neutral language such as "select board". See H.3920

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Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a cell tower receipts special account for the town of North Reading

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.

Summary: This act authorizes the select board in North Reading to establish a special account for revenues generated by the town from leases to cell tower companies on town water towers and at the DPW facility. The account shall be maintained by the town treasurer in a banking institution doing business in the commonwealth and shall be subject to appropriation by a majority vote of the town meeting. The treasurer is authorized to invest money in this account and is authorized to deposit unappropriated funds from lease payments subject to this act into the account. See H.4020

Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the disbursement of funds held by the town of Westford

Sponsor: Rep. James Arciero and Sen. Edward Kennedy

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Westford to release for disbursement funds held in escrow to reimburse private owners for costs and expenses incurred to complete the subdivision way Rome Drive Extension. The town is required to obtain receipts for contractors and services that were engaged by the private property owners in order to complete the work. See H.3724

Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing alternate members for the Tyngsborough conservation commission

Sponsor: Rep. Colleen Garry and Sen. Edward Kennedy

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Tyngsborough board of selectmen to appoint 2 additional members to the town's conservation commission for staggered terms of up to 3 years. The chair of the commission is authorized to designate an alternative member to sit on the commission in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, or until a vacancy can be filled in accordance with the General Laws. See H.3725

Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2022

An Act defining a quorum of certain public bodies in the town of Monson

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act defines a public body in the town of Monson as a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branch of the town that serves a public purpose and does not have members that are elected by the registered voters of the town. If a quorum of a public body in the town of Monson requires a simple majority of its members then a quorum shall mean a simple majority of the members that can actively serve on the public body. See S.2610

Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of West Tisbury to the select board

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act changes the name of the executive body of the town of West Tisbury from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have all the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under general or special law or by-law and its members shall be known as select board members. See H.4222

Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon to a select board

Sponsor: Rep. Edward Philips

Summary: This act changes the name of the executive body of the town of Sharon from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have all the powers and duties of a board of selectmen under general or special law and members of the board shall be known as select board members. See H.3987

Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Andover to transfer conservation land

Sponsor: Rep. Tram Nguyen

Summary: This act authorizes the select board of Andover to transfer a parcel of land held for general municipal purposes to the conservation commission of the town for conservation and passive recreation purposes. In consideration for this land exchange, the conservation commission of the town is required to transfer 2 parcels of land currently being used as a composting facility and as a dog park and parking lot to the select board of the town. The composting facility, dog park, and parking lot shall continue to be used as they were used under the care and control of the conservation commission. If the select board ceases to use these parcels of land as a composting facility, dog park, and parking lot, that portion of land shall revert back to the conservation commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes. See H.2193

Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a select board

Sponsor: Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act changes the name of the executive body of the town of Plainfield from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law. See H.3859

Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Middleborough to lease a certain parcel of land to the town of Plympton

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Middleborough, acting through its board of selectmen, to lease to the town of Plympton land owned by Middleborough and located in the town of Plympton. Plympton may use the leased property only for recreation and open space purposes, including access to Plympton's property in Plympton which adjoins the leased property, for an unpaved parking area, which can be of gravel or crushed stone surface and can have a two-sided information kiosk to identify available recreational activities. See S.1353

Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and play ground purposes

Sponsor: Sen. Mark Montigny

Summary: This act authorizes the city of New Bedford, acting by and through its city council and with the approval of its mayor, to convey a parcel of land currently used as a municipal golf course and acquired by the city in part for open space and playground purposes. The city council, with the approval of the mayor, is required to convey a conservation restriction on a parcel of land owned by the city in the town of Dartmouth, which is currently used as a rifle range. This land shall be held by the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, Inc. And the city may indemnify them in connection with the conservation restriction. The rifle range may continue its operation and that portion of the land shall be open to the public. If the rifle range ceases to be used as a rifle range, the land shall be open to the public for passive recreation. See S.29

Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the powers of the town manager in the town of North Andover

Sponsor: Rep. Christina Minicucci and Rep. Tram Nguyen

Summary: This act repeals the law that authorizes the town manager of North Andover to appoint all police officers of the town below the rank of chief. The board of selectmen are authorized to make these appointments as described in the town charter. This act shall not impair the civil service status of any current police officers. See H.2190

Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Eastham to make utility improvements on private roads in the town

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Eastham to make permanent utility repairs or improvements on private ways in the town. The town is authorized to appropriate money, contract with public utility companies, and borrow necessary sums for these repairs and improvements. Any appropriation or borrowing for these repairs and improvements shall not be included for the computation of the levy or borrowing limits imposed on the town. See H.3986

Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement

Sponsor: Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa and Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Northampton, acting by and through its mayor and conservation commission, to amend an open space restriction and public right of way easement to allow for parking. The act also authorizes the city to allow underground piping and heat exchange for ground source heat pumps and to record the new restriction as a conservation restriction. As a consideration for this amendment, the city is required to accept an expanded public right-of way easement to allow public passive recreation. See H.3900

Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2022

An act authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton

Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Harrington

Summary: This act authorizes the treasurer of the town of Groton to invest any trust funds in their custody in accordance with certain provisions of Chapter 203C of MGL and in accordance with town free cash and investment policies. The investment limitations imposed on city or town treasurers in Chapter 44 Section 54 of MGL shall not apply to the town of Groton. See H.3909

Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the term of office of the mayor in the city known as the town of Agawam to 4 years

Sponsor: Sen. John Velis

Summary: This act amends the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam by striking out and inserting new language that states that the term of the office of the mayor shall be for 4 years beginning on the first Monday of January 2024. The act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Agawam at the 2022 regular election for acceptance. In addition to this question of acceptance, the ballot shall also include a summary of this proposed amendment that has been prepared by the city solicitor. See S.2523

Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen Park in the town of Sharon

Sponsor: Rep. Edward Philips

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Sharon, acting by and through its conservation commission, to grant a permanent conservation restriction for the land known as Inter Lochen Park to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. The permanent conservation restriction shall be for conservation and recreational purposes, including the preservation and protection of water resources, wildlife and native habitats, sustainable forest management, and passive recreation. See H.3867

Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson

Sponsor: Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. James Eldridge

Summary: This act amends section 4-1 of article 4 of the charter of the town of Hudson by removing the residency requirement for the executive assistant of the town. See H.3919

Chapter 33 of the Acts of 2022

An Act creating select board-town manager form of government in the town of Wayland

Sponsor: Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Rep. Alice Peisch

Summary: This act repeals Chapter 320 of the Acts of 2004 and establishes a select board-town manager form of government in the town of Wayland. The act outlines the composition of the select board and lists the powers and duties of this board. This act also defines the appointed position of town manager and establishes the powers and duties of this position. With this act, the position of town administrator in Wayland is abolished and the position of town clerk shall cease to be an elected position and shall become an appointed position. See H.4315

Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2022

An Act renaming the board of selectmen in the town of Hingham to the select board

Sponsor: Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Summary: This act changes the name of the executive body of the town of Hingham from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law. See S.2588

Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Clinton to the select board

Sponsor: Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne

Summary: This act changes the name of the executive body of the town of Clinton from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have all the powers and duties conferred by general or special law upon boards of selectmen. Members serving on the board shall be referred to as select board members. See H.2183

Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Sudbury to transfer a parcel of land currently being used for the promotion and development of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the town to Theodore Orenstein and Judith Aronson Webb, Trustees of the David Aronson 2003 Revocable Trust and representatives of the Estate of Georgianna B. Aronson. In consideration for this transfer of land, the trustees are required to convey a parcel of land to the town for conservation and open space purposes. This land shall be under the care and control of the Sudbury conservation commission. See H.4108

Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2022

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

Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Harrington

Summary: This act changes the position of town clerk in the town of Groton from an elected position to an appointed one. The town clerk shall be appointed by the select board and shall have the powers and duties, and liabilities that are imposed by law on town clerks. The elected position of town clerk shall be abolished upon the effective date of this act. This act also requires that the charter of the town of Groton be updated to align with the change in the town clerk position from an elected to an appointed one. The act also strikes out and inserts new language in the town charter regarding the board of assessors, and other elected officers, establishing a process when there is a vacancy in the positions of fire chief, police chief, or town clerk, requiring the establishment of a screening committee to fill a vacancy for the office of town manager. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town at an annual or special town election for their approval and shall take effect if a majority vote in favor of these changes. See H.4580

Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Blackstone by eliminating the town administrator residency requirement

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Soter and Sen. Ryan Fattman

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Blackstone by striking out the language that requires the town administrator to be a resident of Blackstone. See H.3998

Chapter 48 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Holyoke

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Duffy

Summary: This act amends the city charter of Holyoke by inserting language that holds that the city solicitor and the superintendent of public works do not have to be residents of the city of Holyoke. These two positions do not have to comply with Holyoke's residency requirement for city positions. See H.4501

Chapter 49 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen in the town of Duxbury to a select board

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Cutler and Rep. Kathleen LaNatra

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Duxbury from the board of selectmen to the selectboard. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law. The members of this board shall now be known as select board members. The act also authorizes the select board to amend the general by-laws of the town by a majority vote to revise all references to the board of selectmen and its members to select board and select board members. See H.3937

Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Norwell

Sponsor: Rep. David DeCoste

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Norwell by changing the title of the board of selectmen to select board. The act also amends the charter by updating language that references the members of this select board from selectmen to select board. See H.3916

Chapter 56 of the Acts of 2022

An Act renaming the board of selectmen in the town of Cohasset to the select board and making certain other related gender-neutral changes.

Sponsor: Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Summary: This act amends the special act, Chapter 34 of the Acts of 1997, by striking out the words board of selectmen each time they appear and replacing them with select board or select boards and by striking out and replacing other language connected to the board of selectmen that references gender. The act also authorizes the town of Cohasset to amend the general by-laws and zoning by-laws to revise all references to the board of selectmen and its members to use more gender-neutral language. See S.2706

Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the investment of certain trust funds in the town of Weston

Sponsor: Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Weston to invest trust funds in the custody of the treasurer in accordance with the Massachusetts Prudent Investor laws. The commissioners of the trust funds may use a qualified bank, trust company, corporation, firm, or individual to advise on the investment of these funds and the commissioners are authorized to use the money, to pay for the advice and other services required to properly invest and reinvest such funds with certain limitations set by the General Laws. See H.3894

Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement at the Westport town landing at the head of the Westport River

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Rodrigues

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Westport, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey to the owners of 497 Old County Road, a non-exclusive easement in a certain portion of property located at 493 Old County Road to provide access to the property located at 497 Old County Road from the abutting public way. See S.1357

Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford

Sponsor: Rep. James Arciero and Sen. Edward Kennedy

Summary: This act authorizes the conservation commission of Westford to transfer to the select board a permanent easement and a temporary easement adjacent to Beaver Brook road for the purposes of repairing, reconstructing, operating, maintaining, or improving a bridge on the road. The town is authorized to make minor modifications to this transfer prior to its finalization to carry out the purposes of this act. In consideration for this transfer, the town shall dedicate other land of equal or greater size and natural resource value to the conservation commission for recreation purposes, shall transfer funds of the full and fair market value of the easements, or shall provide a combination of land and funds equal to or greater than the value of easements. Any funds transferred shall be deposited in a fund dedicated to conservation of land in the town. See H.4432

Chapter 60 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Hull to make it more gender neutral

Sponsor: Rep. Joan Meschino and Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Summary: This act amends the Hull town charter by striking out language concerning the board of selectmen that references gender and replacing it with gender-neutral language. The select board and its members shall have the powers and duties of a board of selectmen or selectman under the federal laws, General laws, town bylaws, rules and regulations and any applicable special laws. See H.4286

Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Ware to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Todd Smola

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Ware, previously known as the board of selectmen, to the select board. The select board shall have all the powers, duties, responsibilities, and authority of a "board of selectmen" under any federal or state law or regulation and under any charter provision, by-law or regulation of the town. See H.2205

Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the filling of vacancies on the city council of the city of Springfield

Sponsor: Rep. Angelo Puppolo, Jr.

Summary: This act establishes a process for the filling of a vacancy of a ward representative seat on the city council of Springfield if there are more than 210 days prior to the expiration of the term of office. If there are less than 210 days remaining in the term, the seat in question shall remain vacant until it is filled by general election. If the vacancy occurs less than 210 days prior to the end of the term but at least 10 days before the scheduled general election, the candidates in that general election from the effected ward shall be notified by the Election Commission of the vacancy. The act holds that special elections shall be conducted consisted with the city charter and establishes guidelines for when the Board of Election Commissioners shall cancel preliminary elections for filling vacancies on the city council. See H.4223

Chapter 70 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a select board in the town of Bolton

Sponsor: Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. John J. Cronin

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Bolton from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law, by-law of the town or any rule or regulation. This act also authorizes the attorney general to approve amendments to the zoning by-law of the town of Bolton approved pursuant to article 10 at the annual town meeting on May 3, 2021. See H.4198

Chapter 72 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the membership of the historic district commission in the town of Sudbury

Sponsor: Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the historic districts commission in the town of Sudbury by striking out and inserting new language concerning the membership of the historic districts commission, the term length for the commission members, and concerning the role of two associate members of the commission. The act also amends references to the board of selectmen in this special act to reflect the body's title change to select board. See H.4313

Chapter 74 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen in the town of Westborough to the select board

Sponsor: Rep. Danielle Gregoire

Summary: This act amends the charter of the town of Westborough by striking out the words "board of selectmen" each time they appear and replacing them with the words "select board". The act also amends the charter by striking out various language concerning the board of selectmen and its members and inserting more gender-neutral language. See H.4302

Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Stoughton to transfer certain park property in exchange for acquisition and dedication of other land to park purposes

Sponsor: Sen. Walter Timilty

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Stoughton to transfer 3 parcels of land that are part of a lot acquired by the town for park purposes from the town board or committee currently having control of the parcels to the board of selectmen for general municipal purposes, including, but not limited to, all purposes for which public ways are used in the town. In consideration for this transfer, the town shall take all necessary actions for a portion of land on Old Central Street to be held for park purposes and to maintain existing underground utilities. The portion of land on Old Central Street shall be held by the board of selectmen for park purposes and placed under Article 97 protections, provided that the town may grant such interests in the land as may be required t confirm existing utility rights. See S.2732

Chapter 84 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the establishment of a regional old colony communications center enterprise fund by the town of Duxbury

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Cutler and Rep. Kathleen LaNatra

Summary: This act authorizes the establishment of the Regional Old Colony Communications Center that shall be funded through an enterprise fund and shall provide for consolidated emergency dispatch services for the town of Duxbury and other member towns. The act also establishes that the board of selectmen shall oversee this enterprise fund and lists the powers and duties of the select board in relation to this fund and center. The act also sets the process for how member towns can participate and certain provisions regarding how the fund shall be financed. See H.3748

Chapter 90 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Medway to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Jeffrey Roy and Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act amends the town charter of the town of Medway by striking out the words and language referencing "board of selectmen" or "board" each time they appear and replaces them with gender-neutral language. The act inserts language stating that the select board shall have the powers and duties of boards of selectmen under the Massachusetts Constitution and the General Laws. See H.4259

Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the exchange of certain parcels of land between the town of Nantucket and the Nantucket Islands Land Bank

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Nantucket and the Nantucket Islands Land Bank to exchange certain parcels of land known as Mill Hill Park, which is currently owned by Nantucket as a public park, and the Nobadeer playing fields, which are owned the land bank for recreational purposes. The land exchange shall be for recreational, park and conservation purposes. See H.4360

Chapter 94 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for a gender neutral charter in the town of Middleborough

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Middleborough by changing the name of the board of selectmen to the select board and striking out the words "board of selectmen", "selectmen", and "selectman" and replacing them with gender-neutral language such as select board and select board member. The act also strikes out other language referencing gender throughout the charter not relating to the board of selectmen and replaces it with gender neutral language. See S.2778

Chapter 95 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Easthampton

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Carey

Summary: This act makes amendments to various parts of the Easthampton charter. These changes include new definitions for various terms, grammatical and other non-substantive updates to charter language, new language regarding the city council, standing committees, filling of vacancies for certain city offices, the school committee, the removal process for a city officer, the budget process, the charter and ordinance review process, and the public works department. See H.3981

Chapter 97 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the audit committee of the town of Nantucket

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act amends the Nantucket town charter by striking out current language establishing a three-member audit committee and replacing it with language that establishes a five-member audit committee and language that outlines its membership and term of office. The act also amends the charter by further defining the scope and the powers and duties of this committee. See H.4123

Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2022

An Act transferring custody and control of Fuller Field in the town of Clinton

Sponsor: Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne

Summary: This act amends a special act from 1945 by establishing that members of the board of parks and recreation commission shall serve as the members of the Fuller Field Commission and perform related functions to the management of the field. See H.2182

Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Swansea to enter into a lease agreement for Medeiros Farm

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Haddad and Sen. Michael Rodrigues

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen of Swansea to lease all or portions of a certain parcel of land currently being held by the town for passive and active recreation purposes. The lease shall be used for the creation and long-term maintenance of public, natural surface ballfields and the use of those fields for organized sports. Prior to entering the lease, the town is required to place a conservation restriction on the parcel. The lease shall require that the parcel remains open to the public for active and passive recreation, and any proceeds from the lease shall be returned to the community preservation fund of the town, provided that any incurred costs by the lessee for the maintenance of the fields shall not be considered proceeds of the town. See H.4197

Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing senior water and sewer discounts in the town of Arlington

Sponsor: Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Cindy Friedman

Summary: This act authorizes the select board of Arlington to discount fees charged to incomeeligible residents who are at least 65 years old for the use of the town's water and sewer system. The exemption or discount on water and sewer charges and rates shall only be applied to the principal residence of the eligible resident or if accepted for a qualifying senior tenant on the town water or sewer bill. See H.3749

Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Danvers to convey and acquire certain property

Sponsor: Rep. Sally Kerans and Sen. Joan Lovely

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen of Danvers to convey two parcels of land, acquired by the town for conservation purposes, to the Danvers Historical Society, reserving an easement located within one of the parcels for roadway access. In consideration for this conveyance, the board of selectmen is authorized to accept two parcels of land from the Danvers Historical Society, reserving an easement for the Historical Society within one of the parcels for roadway access. The authorization of the transfer of land shall be contingent upon a Preservation Restriction Agreement between the Commonwealth by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Danvers Historical Society. See H.3751

Chapter 122 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Sutton

Sponsor: Sen. Ryan Fattman

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Sutton by striking out language concerning the board of selectmen that references gender and replacing it with gender neutral language. See S.2799

Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield

Sponsor: Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act authorizes the town of West Brookfield to acquire permanent and temporary easements on certain parcels of land in West Brookfield for public way purposes, including for the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement and repair to State Highway Route 9. The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may convey to West Brookfield certain permanent and temporary easements located on land owned by the department of fish and game, which were acquired for fish and wildlife conservation, natural habitat protection and associated public recreation. As a consideration for the change of use and control of the land, the town of West Brookfield is required to convey a certain parcel of land to the commonwealth, acting through the department of fish and game, for fish and wildlife conservation, natural habitat protection, associated public recreation, and other purposes. The board of selectmen of West Brookfield are authorized to enter into all agreements and take all necessary actions to carry out the acquisitions or transactions authorized in this act. See H.4519

Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Hanson to amend a certain conservation restriction in the town of Hanson

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Cutler

Summary: This act authorizes the conservation commission and the board of selectmen of the town of Hanson to amend a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land. This parcel of land shall be used as conservation land for well head area purposes. The conservation commission and the board of selectmen or their designees are authorized to take any action necessary to amend and accept the conservation restriction. In consideration for this change in the conservation restriction, the town shall transfer the care, custody, and control of two parcels of land from the board of selectmen to the conservation commission for wildlife, recreation, and forestry purposes. See H.4631

Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Barnstable to grant an easement to Park City Wind LLC

Sponsor: Rep. Kip Diggs

Summary: This act authorizes the town council of Barnstable to grant to Park City Wind LLC permanent easements in certain parcels of land for the purpose of constructing, installing, inspecting, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing subsurface high voltage electric power transmission lines, along with associated subsurface appurtenances. Park City Wind LLC shall provide mitigation for the granting of such easement, including a \$100,000 payment to Barnstable for the benefit and improvements to Craigville beach or to purchase or improve other Article 97 protected land in the city. The town manager of Barnstable is authorized to execute and record any instruments necessary to carry out the easement transfer. See H.4986

Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land in the towns of Lee and Lenox to Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc.

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act authorizes the conservation commissions of Lee and Lenox to transfer the care, custody, and control of land located in Lee and Lenox to The Mount, which is a property controlled by the Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc. The conservation commissions of both towns shall transfer the parcels of conservation and open space land to the boards of selectmen in both towns. The act authorizes the boards of selectmen to convey this land subject to certain terms and conditions, including public access to the shoreline. The towns may also accept a conservation restriction on all or a portion of the land and retain right of refusal if the parcel of land is later offered for sale. The towns are authorized to dedicate this parcel or another parcel of land for conservation and open space purposes in perpetuity to be held by the conservation commissions to ensure the no-net loss requirement. See H.4215

Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the use of Article Ninety-Seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable

Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Harrington

Summary: This act authorizes various land exchanges, the granting of temporary and permanent easements, and the use authorizations of certain parcels of land in the town of Dunstable for public way, retaining wall, and sidewalk purposes, for public utility purposes, and for driveway reconstruction, and grading purposes. Upon completion of the land acquisitions, grants, and transfers, the town of Dunstable shall acquire an additional parcel of land for conservation and recreation purposes. See H.3936

Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Middleborough to convey a certain parcel of conservation land

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act authorizes the conservation commission of Middleborough, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey a certain parcel of conservation land, which is a portion of Pratt Farm, to Renee M. Andrews. As a consideration for this conveyance, the board of selectmen, in consultation with the conservation commission, shall accept a certain parcel of land. This land shall become part of Pratt Farm and shall be under the control and management of the conservation commission. The conveyance shall be contingent upon the owner of the property being given to the town for Pratt Farm conveying the property to the town directly or by a successor. See S.3029

Chapter 152 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission to transfer 2 parcels of land in the town of Oak Bluffs to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission to transfer two parcels of land to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to be used in connection with the construction of Beach Road in the town of Oak Bluffs. As a condition of and in full compensation for the transfers of land, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) shall compensate the land bank commission in the amount of \$10,000. These funds shall be deposited into the land bank's trust to be used to acquire additional land bank property or to preserve existing land bank property. The Massachusetts DOT shall assume all costs associated with engineering, surveys, appraisal, deed preparation and other necessary expenses to execute this conveyance. See H.5049

Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Oak Bluffs and the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission to exchange certain parcels of land

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act authorizes the select board of Oak Bluffs, acting on behalf of the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust, to convey a parcel of land to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission. As a consideration for this conveyance, the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission shall convey a parcel of land to the town of Oak Bluffs for affordable housing purposes. See H.4321

Chapter 162 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the conveyance of easements by the city of Fitchburg to the town of Westminster

Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly Ferguson and Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Fitchburg to grant to the town of Westminster certain permanent roadway, drainage, utility and related easements and temporary construction easements on parcels of land located in Westminster for the Worcester Road, state highway route 140 reconstruction project. In consideration for the grant of easements authorized in this act, the town of Westminster shall convey to the city of Fitchburg a parcel of land located in Westminster for water supply protection and passive recreation. See H.4946

Chapter 163 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Pepperell to convey a certain parcel of land to the commonwealth

Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Harrington

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Pepperell, acting by its board of selectmen and conservation commission, to convey a certain parcel of land in Pepperell to the commonwealth, acting by the department of fish and game, for conservation purposes in connection with the department's Unkety Brook wildlife management area for consideration of \$4,300. The town of Pepperell shall bear any costs associated with the transaction authorized in this act. See H.4794

Chapter 167 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a Beachwood/Lenstock Maintenance District in the town of Stockbridge

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act authorizes the creation of the Beachwood/Lenstock Maintenance District in the town of Sturbridge to maintain private roads and ways, and to maintain, operate, and acquire common properties within the district. The act also defines the membership of the district, lists the district's powers and duties of this district, and outlines various processes related to the district. See H.4316

Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Carver to transfer certain real property including water wells and a pumping station, to the Cranberry Village Residents Association, Inc. for water supply purposes

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act authorizes the select board of Carver, with the approval of the department of environmental protection, to convey all or a portion of the town's interests in a certain property and the water wells, pumping station, and other water infrastructure within this land to the Cranberry Village Residents Association, Inc. The consideration for the conveyance of the interests in this land shall be \$1 and other such terms determined by the select board, including the placement of a conservation restriction on the land. This conservation restriction can require that the property be used in perpetuity for providing potable water to Cranberry Village and other uses related to the protection of the water supply. See S.3053

Chapter 189 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds

Sponsor: Rep. Danillo Sena

Summary: This act authorizes the treasurer of the town of Lunenburg to invest library trust funds and any future bequests to the library in the custody of the treasurer in accordance with the prudent investor rules and various provisions of the General Laws. The treasurer, in consultation with the town's library trust fund committee, shall develop investment policies. See H.3727

Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2022

An Act removing the residency requirement for the board of trustees of the Grand Army Building in the city of Lynn

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cahill

Summary: This act amends a special act by removing the residency requirement for a board of trustee member for the Grand Army Building Board of Trustees in the city of Lynn. See H.4624

Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating elections in the town of Bridgewater

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act amends the charter of the town of Bridgewater by changing the composition of the town council, updating the terms of office and eligibility of the town council, and revising the language for how the town territory will be divided into precincts and districts. The act also adds definitions to the charter for the words: precincts and districts. See S.3080

Chapter 206 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Duxbury to offset betterment assessments from funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Cutler

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Duxbury to offset betterments assessed by the town for a seawall repair project from funds received by the town for the project from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the betterments were assessed on properties benefiting from the project and also authorizes the town to reassess these revised betterments on these properties. See H.4809

Chapter 212 of the Acts of 2022

An Act removing the residency requirement for members of the traffic commission in the city of Lynn

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cahill

Summary: This act amends a special act from 1999 by removing a residency requirement for the members of the traffic commission of the city of Lynn. Members of the traffic commission will no longer be required to be residents of Lynn. See H.4625

Chapter 215 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury to the select board

Sponsor: Rep. Hannah Kane and Sen. Michael Moore

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Shrewsbury from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law and the members of the select board shall be known as select board members. See H.5011

Chapter 217 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Newbury to the select board and amending certain transmittal requirements

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the town of Newbury by changing the title and references to the board of selectmen to the select board, changing the title of the town planner to planning director, and amending language concerning certain financial processes and responsibilities of the town administrator. See S.2875

Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham

Sponsor: Rep. John J. Lawn, Jr.

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Watertown to acquire property located in the city of Waltham for general municipal purposes and for active and recreation purposes. See H.5100

Chapter 223 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Lynn

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cahill

Summary: This act amends the Lynn charter by striking out requirements for persons elected to city offices by the city council, the commissioner of public works, and associate commissioners of the department of public works to be residents of Lynn. The act also strikes out the current residency requirement for persons who are appointed to a city office or employed full time and replaces it with language that holds that except in cases where there may be contrary language in state law or applicable collective bargaining agreements, people who have lived in the city for at least 12 months would be given preference for appointments over non-residents having similar qualifications and experience. This act also repeals a charter provision granting residency requirement exemptions to people already employed prior to the residency requirement taking effect. See H.4623

Chapter 226 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the treasurer of the town of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents or guardians amounts paid but not reimbursed for the costs of the 2020 senior trip

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act authorizes the treasurer of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents, or guardians who paid all or a portion of the cost for the 2020 senior trip, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The treasurer shall pay the amount paid and not subsequently refunded, an amount not to exceed \$1030 per student. The treasurer shall be limited to the funds expended and not yet refunded from any other sources including, but not limited to, travel insurance or the high school's student activity checking account. See S.2518

Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for the laying out and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro

Sponsor: Rep. James Hawkins

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Attleboro to lay out and accept as public ways any of the ways listed in a document that is on file with the city clerk. The act also establishes a process for the planning board and the municipal council to hold public hearings concerning the laying out and acceptance of certain ways as public ways as well as the process for the municipal council to approve of the laying out and acceptance of certain ways as public ways. See H.4355

Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the creation of a linkage fee for development in the city of Chelsea

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Ryan and Sen. Sal DiDomenico

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Chelsea to require the payment of linkage fees from the developer of a commercial or industrial project, a mixed-use project with a commercial or industrial component, and a residential project that creates any residential units. The linkage fees must be dedicated to the Community Impact Linkage Fee Fund. The act also authorizes the city to create the Community Impact Linkage Fee Fund for the sole purpose of funding the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, the support of city social services, workforce development, job creation and education, youth recreational activities, and for various projects that are approved by the city council in an annual 5-year capital improvement plan that include public space enhancements, traffic and transportation improvements, and capital construction projects. See H.4789

Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to the select board of the town of Goshen

Sponsor: Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Goshen to the select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law. The members of this board shall be known as select board members. The act also amends the general and zoning by-laws of Goshen by striking out the words "board of selectmen" each time they appear and replacing them with "select board". See S.2513

Chapter 243 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Milford from the board of selectmen to the select board. The select board shall have all of the powers and duties of a board of selectmen under any general or special law, by-law of the town or applicable rules and regulations. See H.4556

Chapter 245 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation

Sponsor: Rep. Wiliam Galvin

Summary: This act establishes that the Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation shall be a government body in relation to Chapter 30B of MGL, which is the Uniform Procurement Act. The act also defines how this government body shall operate in relation to capital asset management and maintenance, processes for entering into contracts for construction materials, regulations for competitive bids on construction projects, application of record keeping statutes, regulations for the conduct of its officials and employees as public officials and employees, fees for requests for criminal offender record information or self-audits, limitations of purchasing powers, special licenses to managers of indoor and outdoor activities and fees, and the regulation of charitable corporations. See H.5054

Chapter 248 of the Acts of 2022

An Act separating the positions of town clerk and treasurer-tax collector in the town of Deerfield

Sponsor: Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act repeals a special act that established the combined offices of collector of taxes, treasurer, and town clerk in Deerfield into one office. The act establishes that the office of the town clerk shall be a separate office and that the office of the treasurer and the office of the collector of taxes shall be merged into one office to be known as the office of the treasurer-collector. The selectboard is authorized to appoint one person to serve as both the town clerk and the treasurer-collector. See H.4846

Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2022

An Act abolishing the permanent intermittent police force in the city of Methuen

Sponsor: Rep. Linda Dean Campbell

Summary: This act repeals a special act that allows the police chief and the executive body of Methuen to appoint a permanent intermittent police force in the city to serve as an auxiliary police force. See H.2147

Chapter 252 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing an assistant clerk of the city council in the city of Methuen

Sponsor: Rep. Linda Dean Campbell

Summary: This act amends the charter of Methuen by establishing the new position of Assistant Clerk of the Council. The act includes language concerning the duties of the Assistant Clerk, the salary information for this position, and language concerning the mayor's supervisory role in relation to this position. See H.4779

Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin Water District

Sponsor: Sen. Joanne Comerford

Summary: This act establishes a political subdivision within the town of Northfield to be known as the Grandin Water District. The district shall obtain, treat, and distribute water for domestic use, to extinguish fires, and other purposes. This act calls for a Water District Commission to carry out the purposes of this district and lists the powers and membership of this commission. See S.3116

Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Templeton to establish a special fund that shall include deposited funds from demolition liens and related grants. The fund shall be used, at the discretion of the select board, to secure, clear, make safe or demolish residential or mixed-used properties that are deemed unsafe, dangerous, or unfit for human habitation under applicable building or health codes. See S.2575

Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Rodrigues

Summary: This act authorizes the Fall River housing authority to convey a certain parcel of land, located in Fall River, to Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc., provided that the parcel shall only be used for hospital-related uses. As a consideration of this conveyance, he Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. shall convey a piece of property in Fall River of equal or greater value and one that is suitable for inclusion in the housing program to the Fall River housing authority or its designee or shall pay to the Fall River housing authority an amount equal to the fair market value of the parcel of land being conveyed from the housing authority. An independent appraisal to determine the fair market value of the parcel being conveyed by the housing authority is required prior to the conveyance. See S.2503

Chapter 272 of the Acts of 2022

An Act removing the residency requirement for the water and sewer commission in the city of Lynn

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cahill

Summary: This act removes a residency requirement for members of the water and sewer commission of Lynn from a 1982 special act. The act also strikes out the residency requirement for officers and employees hired, transferred or otherwise appointed by the commission in the special act. See H.4626

Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Denise Garlick

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the town of Needham by changing the number of members of the Needham Housing Authority that are elected by the town from 4 to 3. The act also adds the tenant member of the housing authority to the list of officers or boards appointed by the select board. See H.4964

Chapter 278 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the select board of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Sen. Walter Timilty

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Easton to lease certain parcels of land to the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association for a term not to exceed 50 years, for the construction of parking facilities associated with the operation of Oakes Ames Memorial Hall. The act authorizes the select board of Easton to determine the terms and conditions of this lease. See S.3131

Chapter 280 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Newburyport

Sponsor: Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio

Summary: This act amends the charter of Newburyport by revising the definitions of city office and city officer with language concerning the city solicitor, by updating how the notice of special meetings of the city council shall be delivered, by changing when certain types of actions approved by the city council and mayor shall become effective, by limiting the types of objections to the adoption of measures city council members can make, by prohibiting the mayor from holding other paid city offices or positions and former mayors who are also lawyers from representing a client on matters in which the mayor participated personally and substantially, by updating certain deadlines concerning capital improvement programs, and changing how documents produced by multiplemember bodies are to be filed and published. See H.3925

Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Methuen

Sponsor: Rep. Linda Dean Campbell

Summary: This act amends the city charter of Methuen by clarifying the maximum amount of time for which the mayor may designate a person to perform the duties of an office in which a vacancy exists. The act holds that the duration of the mayor's temporary appointments to city offices shall not exceed 90 days and authorizes a two-thirds vote of the city council to extend these appointments for an additional 60 days. See H.4274

Chapter 286 of the Acts of 2022

An Act regulating private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester

Sponsor: Rep. James O'Day

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Worcester to enter into a deferral and recovery agreement for betterment assessments with an owner of a residential property that abuts a private way and meets certain qualifications. The act lists the qualifications required to participate in this deferral and recovery agreement and lays out what the agreement shall include. See H.4327

Chapter 301 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury

Sponsor: Sen. Diana DiZoglio

Summary: This act amends the charter of Amesbury with formatting and policy changes. The formatting changes include fixing spelling errors, modifying references from town to city and from municipal to city, changing the titles of sections in the charter from parts to articles, renaming the title of the charter, and adding definitions for various terms. The policy changes in this act involve changes to school committee stipends, municipal appointments, exemptions for municipal employees to volunteer, the formation of the Housing Authority, the citizen participation mechanism process, including initiative measures, and the capital improvement program. See S.3133

Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the department of public works in the town of Westborough

Sponsor: Rep. Danielle Gregoire

Summary: This act establishes a department of public works in the town of Westborough. The department shall have the powers and duties that are vested in the following boards, departments, and offices: facilities/building and grounds, highway superintendent, water commissioners, sewer commissioners, and tree warden. This department shall also be the successor of these various boards, departments, and offices. See H.3918

Chapter 311 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act establishes an appointed parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton that shall consist of seven members that shall serve a one-year term. The commission shall oversee the management and maintenance of town owned parks, fields, and related facilities and shall also provide year-round indoor and outdoor recreation activities for children and adults. See S.2574

Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for a gender-neutral charter in the city of Somerville

Sponsor: Sen. Patricia Jehlen

Summary: This act amends various parts of the city charter of Somerville by striking out language that references gender and replacing it with gender-neutral language. See S.3129

Chapter 315 of the Acts of 2022

An Act regulating special police officers in the city known as the town of Agawam

Sponsor: Sen. John Velis

Summary: This act amends a special act from 2002 by establishing 70 years as the maximum age for special police officers in Agawam and by requiring the passage of a physical medical exam by a special police officer every year after the age of 65. The act also lists which rules, regulations, policies, and procedures special police officers are subject to, adds a requirement that the appointed individual be sworn in as a special police officer before the city clerk, and outlines which state laws special police officers shall not be subject to. See S.2589

Chapter 317 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Eastham

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act makes various substantive and non-substantive changes to the charter of Eastham. These include changing the title of the town administrator to town manager, and the board of selectmen to select board, establishing a new department to handle town finance operations, delegating the town manager's authority to the assistant town manager during short absences, creating a capital projects committee, specifying vacancy filling procedures, authorizing members of multimember bodies to be reappointed for 3 terms if no one else is available to serve, ensuring that library trustees will be consulted in the process of appointing a director for the library, updating language concerning charter amendments, amending the process for the select board to remove a town manager, and removing obsolete and duplicative language from the charter. See H.3794

Chapter 318 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Tyngsborough to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Colleen Garry and Sen. Edward Kennedy

Summary: This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Tyngsborough from board of selectmen to select board. This board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law. The board members shall be known as select board members. See H.4483

Chapter 323 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth

Sponsor: Rep. Steven Howitt and Sen. Paul Feeney

Summary: This act changes the stormwater officer position in the town of Rehoboth from an elected position to an appointed position. The stormwater officer shall be appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of three years. See H.5282

Chapter 324 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing certain employment contracts for the town of Milford

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Milford, acting by and through its select board, to establish employment contracts with the person serving as building commissioner and the person serving as facilities director. These contracts are subject to the same limitations as other applicable municipal employees under section 108N of Chapter 41 of MGL. See H.4887

Chapter 330 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating employment contracts for the director of public works in the town of Upton

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian and Sen. Michael Moore

Summary: This act amends special acts concerning the department of public works in Upton by changing the maximum term of the employment contract with the director of public works from 3 to 5 years. See H.5191

Chapter 332 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Chilmark to select board

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act renames the executive body of the town of Chilmark, which was previously known as the board of selectmen, as the select board of the town of Chilmark. The selectboard shall have all the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law or by-law. The members of this board shall be known as select board members. See H.3985

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating procurements by the city of Boston

Sponsor: Rep. Russell Holmes

Summary: This act authorizes the City of Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority to seek written quotations through a procurement officer from not fewer than 3 disadvantaged businesses, diverse businesses, or small and local business enterprises for a supply or service valued at \$10,000 or more. The act requires the procurement officer to record and retain information pertaining to the quotations for at least 6 years after the final payment of the contract. The procurement officer shall award the contract to the eligible and responsible bidder offering the needed quality of supply or service at the lowest quotation. See H.5039

Chapter 336 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the investment of trust funds benefiting the town of Sherborn Library

Sponsor: Sen. Rebecca Rausch

Summary: This act authorizes the treasurer of the town of Sherborn and the treasurer of the town of Sherborn library trustees to invest any trust funds benefiting the Sherborn library. These investments must comply with the prudent investor rule and Chapter 203C of MGL. See S.1355

Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to the town administrator in the town of Milton

Sponsor: Sen. Walter Timilty

Summary: This act makes various changes to a special act concerning the town administrator in Milton by striking out language referencing the board of selectmen and replacing it with select board, by updating the town administrator's role in appointing, supervising, and directing department heads, the town administrator's function in overseeing short-term rental and use of all town facilities and real property unless otherwise specified, and the town administrator's power to establish, reorganize, consolidate, or abolish departments or offices under the town administrator's direction and supervision. The act also amends the town charter by striking out the word "selectmen" each time it appears and replacing it with "select board" and by striking out the word "chairman" each time it appears and replacing it with "chair". This act changes the title of the executive body of the town of Milton to select board. The select board shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen and its members shall be known as select board members. See S.3127

Chapter 340 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board

Sponsor: Sen. Barry Finegold

Summary: This act amends the charter of the town of Tewksbury by striking out gender-referencing language concerning the board of selectmen throughout the charter and replacing it with gender-neutral language. See S.3128

Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing the position of town manager in the town of Tyngsborough

Sponsor: Rep. Colleen Garry and Sen. Edward Kennedy

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Tyngsborough to establish the appointed position of town manager, which shall be appointed by the board of selectmen. The act outlines the powers and duties, the term, the compensation, and qualifications for this position. This act requires the board of selectmen to conduct an annual review of the town manager's job performance. The act establishes the process for the removal of the town manager and the process to fill a vacancy in this position and outlines the duties of an acting town manager. See H.5359

Chapter 347 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding 99 years

Sponsor: Rep. Kay Khan and Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term not to exceed 99 years. The act exempts the city from provisions of the uniform procurement act. See H.5365

Chapter 348 of the Acts of 2022

An Act regulating real estate acquisitions for and funding of capital projects at Nantucket Airport in the town of Nantucket

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act amends the town charter for Nantucket by granting voters the right to petition to have real estate transactions placed before the town meeting for consideration, by outlining the number of registered voters needed to veto a transaction of a real estate acquisition or use of capital funding to benefit the Nantucket Airport, by adding language that regulates the funding of the Nantucket Airport by the select board and the town meeting. See H.3792

Chapter 350 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Lee to a Select Board

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act amends a special act which established a selectmen-administrator form of government in the town of Lee by changing the title of the board of selectmen to select board. The act also amends this special act by striking out language referencing the board of selectmen and its members and replacing it with gender neutral language. H.4729

Chapter 353 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Moore

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury by clarifying the circumstances under which a sewer privilege fee shall be assessed, how the fees are to be assessed, how individual units in multiple family dwellings are to be treated, and what the current sewer privilege fee is per unit. It also corrects a grammatical error in the special act. See S.1350

Chapter 354 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating wastewater services in the town of Norfolk

Sponsor: Sen. Rebecca Rausch

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the department of public works in the town of Norfolk by vesting the powers and duties of a sewer department and a board of sewer commissioners in the board of selectmen and by vesting the functions of a sewer department in the public works department of Norfolk. The act authorizes the select board to allow owners of land located within a town center wastewater service area to connect to common sewers subject to availability and certain terms in order to preserve and manage limited wastewater treatment capacity. Property owners who did not initially propose to connect to the sewer and who did not initially make the prepayment to connect to the common sewer will have to pay a surcharge in addition to the annual sewer use charges. The select board is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations for the connection of estates and buildings with common sewers and the assessment of charges and surcharges. This act also establishes an enterprise fund to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a sewer system in the town center wastewater service area. See S.3113

Chapter 355 of the Acts of 2022

An Act expanding the select board of the town of Wenham

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Wenham to have a 5-member select board, with members of the board serving for staggered 3-year terms. The act requires this language to be approved by the voters at the next annual election and outlines when an election for select board members shall take place once the language is approved by the voters. See S.3147

Chapter 356 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to tax title expense

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Donato

Summary: This act amends a Massachusetts General Law by requiring a person that has interest in land taken or sold for the nonpayment of taxes, who chooses to redeem the interest by paying the taxes owed, to pay all legal fees incurred. The act also authorizes whoever holds the title to the land acquired by sale or taking for taxes to petition the land court for foreclosure of all rights of redemption and adds a provision to the General Laws that authorizes a city or town to add all legal fees incurred to the amount of taxes owed on land to which the right of redemption is being foreclosed. This act also updates the amount of legal fees that may be paid to a city or town in connection with the taking or purchase by the municipality of any parcels of land for the non-payment of taxes. See H.2150

Chapter 361 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of East Bridgewater

Sponsor: Rep. Alyson Sullivan and Sen. Michael Brady

Summary: This act authorizes the town of East Bridgewater to employ a procedure for the municipal acceptance of roads constructed within a subdivision that follows an approved definitive subdivision plan. The act outlines the provisions of this procedure. See H.4972

Chapter 362 of the Acts of 2022

An Act to amend the town of Williamstown Home Rule Charter

Sponsor: Rep. John Barrett, III

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Williamstown by striking out the requirement that the town manager must be resident of the town and by removing the prohibition preventing any current town official from being appointed the town manager. See H.4995

Chapter 363 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick

Sponsor: Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Hardwick to have a combined office of treasurer-collector, which would be appointed and removed by the board of selectmen and would have the same powers and duties of town treasurers and collectors of taxes. The act authorizes the board of selectmen to enter into an employment agreement with the treasurer-collector. This act abolishes the separate appointed offices of treasurer and collector and terminates the terms of the incumbents in those offices. The appointed treasurer-collector shall be the successor of the formerly separate offices and all records, property, and equipment of those offices shall be assigned to the new appointed-treasurer collector. See H.5242

Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Acton to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings

Sponsor: Rep. Danillo Sena

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Acton to provide alternate means of publishing legal notices for public hearings that are required by law. The town may authorize all notices of public hearings to be published in a local newspaper, either in print or electronic format, on the bulletin board outside the town clerk's office, and on the town's website. See H.5439

Chapter 370 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Walpole

Sponsor: Rep. Edward Philips

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Walpole by removing the chairperson of the personnel board from the list of officials that serve as ex officio members of the town meeting, deleting the personnel board from the list of town officials that the town moderator appoints, striking out and inserting new language that transfers the power to establish job descriptions for all departments in the town, except for the school department, from the personnel board to the select board, transferring the power of establishing job classifications for the chief of police and the chief of fire departments from the personnel board to the select board. When this act takes effect, the terms of any members of the personnel board shall, the personnel board shall be abolished, and any documents, data, or other property of this board shall be transferred to the select board. See H.5140

Chapter 372 of the Acts of 2022

An Act abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the Select Board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project

Sponsor: Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act abolishes the current town sewer commission and authorizes the select board to assume the powers and duties of the sewer commissioners. The act also authorizes the select board to complete a sewer redevelopment project and to issue any required approvals to complete the upgrade of various facilities in the town. See H.5241

Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Lynnfield

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Lynnfield select board to appoint 2 additional members to the town's conservation commission for staggered terms of up to 3 years. The act also authorizes the chair of the commission to designate an alternative member to sit on the commission in the case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest, or until a vacancy can be filled in accordance with section 8C of Chapter 40 of MGL. See H.5400

Chapter 376 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to the increase of certain maximum fines for motor vehicle parking violations in the town of Plymouth

Sponsor: Rep. Matthew Muratore and Sen. Susan Moran

Summary: This act authorizes the select board of Plymouth to establish new fines to better regulate resident and visitor parking. The act exempts the town from contrary provisions of state law regarding parking fines and regulations and outlines what the maximum fines would be. A public hearing is required to take place before the schedule of parking fines is adopted by the town. See H.5380

Chapter 377 of the Acts of 2022

An Act directing certain revenues of the town of Wareham to the Wareham municipal affordable housing trust

Sponsor: Sen. March Pacheco

Summary: This act establishes that 50% of the net proceeds from the sale of properties taken by tax title by the town of Wareham shall be directed towards the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This money may be used by the trust to fund programs and take actions related to affordable housing. See S.3011

Chapter 378 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the submission of articles to town meetings in the town of Wareham

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act requires that all spring or fall town meeting articles submitted to the board of selectmen by a majority of an elected or appointed town body be automatically included in the warrant. The submission process would be in addition to the existing provision in Chapter 39 Section 10 of MGL. See S.3012

Chapter 379 of the Acts of 2022

An Act modifying certain titles and providing for the appointment of certain positions by the town administrator of the town of Newbury

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act amends a special act that established a selectmen-administrator form of government in the town of Newbury by changing the title of the personnel board to the human resources board, revising language concerning the board of fire engineers and fire chief so that the board of selectmen will no longer appoint the members of the board of fire engineers but will instead appoint the fire chief, changing the title of the highway superintendent to public works director, and adding more positions to the list of town officers that the town administrator shall appoint with the approval of the board of selectmen. See S.3120

Chapter 382 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Clinton to accept certain streets as public ways

Sponsor: Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Clinton to accept as public ways certain private streets and portions of certain private streets that are currently plowed or maintained by the town. See H.4247

Chapter 384 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to the Swansea Water Commissioner health benefits

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Haddad

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the Swansea Water District by inserting new language that holds that elected members of the Board of Water Commissioners shall not be eligible for medical, dental, or life insurance coverage. See H.4651

Chapter 385 of the Acts of 2022

An Act relative to changing the Swansea Water District Commissioner election and term

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Haddad

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the Swansea Water District by inserting new language concerning the terms of the water district commissioners. The new language holds that the term concluding in 2022 shall conclude on the day of the 2022 election, the term concluding in 2023 shall conclude on the day of the 2023 election, the term concluding in 2024 shall conclude on the day of the 2024 election. See H.4652

Chapter 388 of the Acts of 2022

An Act to further regulate the attendance by police officers at police association executive board meetings

Sponsor: Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino

Summary: This act authorizes members of a city, town, or district police department to be excused from duty without loss of compensation while attending meetings of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Executive Board, when such meetings are held during the officer's regular tour of duty. See H.2163

Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Orleans to adopt a sewer assessment bylaw

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake and Sen. Julian Cyr

Summary: This act repeals a special act and replaces it with language that authorizes the town of Orleans, acting through its board of water and sewer commissioners, to adopt a uniform method for calculating the amounts charged to homeowners who tie-in to the sewer system. The act outlines the provisions of this local assessment of sewer betterments. See H.2196.

Chapter 393 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act amends a special act by changing references to the board of selectmen to select board, updating a reference to a particular chapter of the town charter in the definition of town manager, increasing the number of members on the board of directors by adding one alternate member and two non-voting members that represent the commercial fishermen and the charter boat industry, and outlining certain background qualifications for members of this board. See H.4190

Chapter 394 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for the transfer of original documents from the town of Stockbridge to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Stockbridge to return all original documents that were created by the Mohican Nation prior to 1870, currently or in the future found to be in possession of the town, to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation upon an authorizing vote by the board of selectmen. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community shall own all rights, title, and interest to the documents returned to them. The town may retain copies of documents for municipal record retention instead of any otherwise applicable requirement to retain the original documents. See H.4627

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Mashpee to select board

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Mashpee by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and "selectmen" and replacing them with the words "select board" and "select board member". The act also authorizes the select board to amend the general by law and zoning by-laws of the town by majority vote to revise all references to the board of selectmen and its members to select board and select board members. See H.4682

Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a charter for the town of Brewster

Sponsor: Rep. Timothy Whelan

Summary: This act establishes a town charter for the town of Brewster that includes provisions related to the town's governance structure, the division of powers, the select board, the appointed town manager, town boards, commissions and committees, financial provisions of the town, and the adoption and review of by-laws and charter provisions. This act reduces the terms of all planning board members from 5 to 4 years and outlines the election process for these members. The act also includes provisions relating to this act's effect on incumbent appointed or elected officers, current employees, property and records, bonds, obligations, contracts, recognizances, and other instruments entered or executed by the town prior to this act taking effect. See H.4738

Chapter 399 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing the North Bedford Street Sewer District in the town of East Bridgewater

Sponsor: Rep. Alyson Sullivan and Sen. Michael Brady

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Bridgewater to establish a new sewer district that shall be known as the North Bedford Street Sewer District. The act lists the parcels of land that shall be included in this sewer district, outlines the process for applying to connect to the municipal sewer within the district, establishes that the board of selectmen shall serve as the board of sewer commissioners for this district and shall have the powers and duties given to municipal water and sewer commissioners under Section 4 of Chapter 40N of MGL, and holds that the director of public works of the town shall have the powers and duties of the superintendent of the sewer department pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 41 of MGL. See H.4971

Chapter 401 of the Acts of 2022

An Act further regulating the Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury

Sponsor: Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile

Summary: This act amends a special act concerning the establishment of a historic district and a historic district commission for the town of Sudbury by striking out a section authorizing the enlargement, reduction, or addition of new districts and replacing it with new language. The new language in this section requires a two-third vote at any regular or special town meeting for the enlargement, reduction, or creation of new historic districts and outlines a new process for the establishment of or changes in historic districts, which includes investigations, reports, and public hearings. See H.5037

Chapter 402 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing the West County Senior Services District

Sponsor: Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act authorizes the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, and Shelburne to create a "West County Senior Services District" that shall provide senior services and programs, construct, operate, and maintain a shared senior center within the geographical boundaries of a member town The act outlines how the district shall appropriate and sustain funding, how a member district shall withdraw from the district, how a new member town can join the district, and how the district shall be managed and governed. See H.5068

Chapter 403 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Provincetown

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act amends the town charter of Provincetown by inserting the word "annual" to clarify that a charter provision is referring to the annual town meeting warrant, deleting language concerning vacancies on appointed town boards so that the process would be left to the appointing authority, typically either the town moderator or town manager, depending upon the particular town board, changing the deadline for submitting a proposed school committee budget to the town manager, and removing language concerning the residency requirement for the police chief and director of public works and replacing it with language requiring these two positions to live within 40 driving miles of the town. See H.5081

Chapter 408 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act amends the charter of Bourne by striking out and replacing language referencing the board of selectmen and its members with gender-neutral language, by correcting various spelling and grammar errors, renumbering certain sections of the charter, changing references for committee, council, board, and commissions to governmental body or governmental bodies, changing references to the capital program and its budget to capital improvement plan and capital improvement budget, strengthening the select board's authority in relation to the special town meeting, in managing the interim or acting town administrator, and in their oversight of the review committee, authorizing the publication of the town meeting warrant online, clarifying the role of the finance committee chairperson, outlining the organizational process of the town, waiving the residency requirement for the town administrator position, clarifying that the town administrator oversees the operation of the department of public works and the department of integrated solid waste management, streamlining the department of finance's role, extending the powers of the library board of trustees', outlining the town's budgeting process, and clarifying the processes around the open meeting law. See H.5370

Chapter 410 of the Acts of 2022

An Act establishing a shellfish mitigation receipts fund in the town of Bourne

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act establishes a Shellfish Mitigation Fund that shall be used for shellfish resource enhancements, shellfish habitats, or capital improvements. The money shall be collected by the Bourne Conservation Commission and shall include payments from projects involving public waterways and shellfish habitats. This fund shall be maintained by the town treasurer as a separate account and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of MGL Chapter 44. See H.5375

Chapter 420 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the Arlington Town Manager Act relative to financial estimates and budget reporting

Sponsor: Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Cindy Friedman

Summary: This act amends a special act by replacing language related to the timing and procedures for submitting financial information and the preparation of an annual budget. The act requires that certain documents be prepared and distributed throughout the fiscal year to provide both town officials and the general public with detailed information about the town's fiscal condition. See H.5432

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the conveyance of the Lowell Civic Stadium in the city of Lowell to the University of Massachusetts Building Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Rady Mom

Summary: This act repeals a special act concerning the Lowell Arena Commission and conveys the Lowell Civic Stadium to the University of Massachusetts Building Authority. The act authorizes the building authority to utilize alternative means of procurement for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the civic stadium, authorizes the licensing commissioners of Lowell to issue a common victualler license to the building authority or an authorized person or entity operating in the civic stadium for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and for the sale of food and beverages. The building authority shall not incur any violations, fines, or penalties in connection with the stadium for a period of 5 years and shall inherit all existing contractual rights and obligations of the arena and civic stadium commission. See H.5449

Chapter 435 of the Acts of 2022

An Act amending the charter of the town of Wareham

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act amends the charter of the town of Wareham by making editorial and substantive changes. The editorial changes include fixing grammatical and spelling errors, removing outdated language, updating the table of contents and summary of articles, and creating an appendix. The substantive changes include clarifying the accurate date of the fall annual town meeting, replacing the town accountant with the finance director as a member of the capital planning committee, changing the town clerk to an appointed position from an elected position, updating the duties and responsibilities of the board of assessors, specifying appointments made by the board of selectmen within the town government, removing the responsibility of the appointment of the sewer superintendent from the board of sewer commissioners and giving it to the town administrator, abolishing the road commissioners and transferring their functions to the board of selectmen, clarifying the appointing authority of the town administrator, outlining the process for the removal or suspension of the town administrator, and requiring that the records of multiple member boards be kept by the town clerk. See S.2562

Chapter 442 of the Acts of 2022

An Act providing for a revised charter for the city of Taunton

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act repeals the current version of the city charter of Taunton and replaces it with new language. The changes to the charter include implementing term limits for various city officials, increasing the terms of office for the mayor and other elected offices, authorizing the mayor to appoint city department heads with approval from the city council, allowing the mayor to veto city council actions subject to an override of a two-thirds vote by the council, authorizing the city council to conduct investigations, outlining how elections are to be conducted, updating the audit process, establishing the parameters for a resident petition process, defining when city council meetings are to take place, outlining the process for filling a vacancy in the office of the mayor, and establishing a charter review process. See S.3156

Chapter 443 of the Acts of 2022

An Act authorizing the town of Boxford to establish the Boxford small repair grants trust

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act authorizes the creation of the Boxford small repair grants trust to preserve housing in the town of Boxford for income qualified residents. The act outlines the membership and terms of the board of trustees, lists the powers and duties of the trust, defines the parameters of the trust, establishes the qualifications for eligibility for grants from this trust, and details how the funds in this trust shall be managed. See S.3157

Chapter 447 of the Acts of 2022

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Wilmington to the select board

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act amends a special act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Wilmington by striking out language related to the board of selectmen that references gender and replacing it with gender neutral language. See S.3166

Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2022

An Act eliminating the department of finance and budget in the town of Groveland

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act repeals a special act and eliminates the department of finance and budget and the finance director position in Groveland. The powers, duties, records, and property of this department shall go to positions and departments authorized to exercise such authority under the General Laws. The select board is authorized to appoint a town accountant, treasurer-collector, and an assessors manager. Individuals employed in the finance and budget department who continue to serve in their full or part-time role shall continue to receive their salary and benefits. See S.2742

Disposition of Bills Received by Committee 2021-2022

Bill#	Sponsor	Title	Disposition
H.94	Rep. Brian Ashe and Sen. Eric Lesser	An Act revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners	Ch.43 of 2021
H.2129	Rep. James Arciero	An Act providing for more efficient wetlands	See H.4933
H.2130	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act relative to puppy mills	ОТР
H.2131	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance	See H.4933
H.2132	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters	ОТР
H.2133	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act relative to building or rebuilding of bridges on land that falls under the jurisdiction of more than one municipality	ОТР
H.2134	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act protecting neighboring communities from deleterious construction	See H.4933
H.2135	Rep. Christine Barber	An Act to improve the local infrastructure development program (Accompanied by S.1337)	ОТР
H.2136	Rep. Christine Barber	An Act granting the city of Somerville the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality	See H.4933
H.2137	Rep. Christine Barber	An Act granting the city of Medford the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality	See H.4933
H.2138	Rep. John Barrett	An Act relative to partition fences	ОТР
H.2139	Rep. Antonio Cabral and Sen. Andres Vargas	An Act to establish a commission to study the distribution of unrestricted local aid (Accompanied S.1344)	ОТР
H.2140	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act relative to zoning voting thresholds	See H.4933
H.2141	Rep. Peter Capano	An Act to prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment	See H.4933
H.2142	Rep. Peter Capano	An Act clarifying municipal authority regarding foreclosures	See H.4933
H.2143	Rep. Peter Capano	An Act enabling municipal pre-foreclosure mediation	See H.4933

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H.2144	Rep. Daniel Carey and Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act authorizing the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of South Hadley to the South Hadley Housing Authority	Ch.91 of 2021
H.2145	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act promoting the adoption of renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
H.2146	Rep. Mark Cusack	An Act to protect pets	See H.4933
H.2147	Rep. Linda Dean Campbell	An Act relative to the permanent intermittent police force for the city of Methuen	Ch.251 of 2022
H.2148	Rep. Linda Dean Campbell	An Act protecting the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns (Accompanied S.1322)	ОТР
H.2149	Rep. Marjorie Decker	An Act relative to solar assessments	See H.4933
H.2150	Rep. Paul Donato	An Act relative to tax title expense (Accompanied by S.1321)	Ch. 356 of 2022
H.2151	Rep. Michelle DuBois	An Act relative to public hearing notification for variances from the terms of the applicable zoning ordinance or by-law	See H.4933
H.2152	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds	ОТР
H.2153	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act relative to safe traffic direction	See H.4933
H.2154	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act to improve parking and pedestrian safety	See H.4933
H.2155	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act establishing the Dukes County Sheriff's regional lockup fund	ОТР
H.2156	Rep. Carole Fiola and Sen. Michael Rodrigues	An Act providing for alternate members of the Conservation Commission of the town of Freetown	Ch.38 of 2021
H.2157	Rep. Paul Frost	An Act relative to methadone clinic zoning	See H.4933
H.2158	Rep. Sean Garballey	An Act encouraging municipal recycling and composting	See H.4933
H.2159	Rep. Sean Garballey	An Act requiring the master plans of cities and towns to address climate change and renewable energy	ОТР
H.2160	Rep. Denise Garlick	An Act requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings	ОТР
H.2161	Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino	An Act further regulating siting of solid waste facilities	See H.4933

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H.2162	Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino	An Act to prohibit licensing by the Department of Environmental Protection at the Wheelabrator facility in the town of Saugus	See H.4933
H.2163	Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino	An Act to further regulate the attendance by police officers at police association executive board meetings	Ch.388 of 2022
H.2164	Rep. Thomas Golden	An Act relative to solar permitting	See H.4933
H.2165	Rep. Carlos Gonzalez	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies	ОТР
H.2166	Rep. Kenneth Gordon	An Act to change the name of the Board of Selectmen in the town of Burlington to Select Board	Ch.65 of 2021
H.2167	Rep. Tami Gouveia and Sen. James Eldridge	An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
H.2168	Rep. Richard Haggerty	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Woburn to change the name of the members of the city council from "alderman" to "city councilor" (Amended by substitution of H.3947)	Ch.54 of 2021
H.2169	Rep. James Hawkins	An Act to amend the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral	Ch.111 of 2021
H.2170	Rep. Bradford Hill	An Act relative to the sale of foreclosed residential property to certain cities and towns	See H.4933
H.2171	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act relative to variances (Accompanied S.1329)	ОТР
H.2172	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act relative to the term of special permits	See H.4933
H.2173	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act reducing impervious surfaces	See H.4933
H.2174	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act regarding mandatory land use board training	ОТР
H.2175	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners	See H.4933
H.2176	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act providing for safe subdivision ways	See H.4933
H.2177	Rep. Steven Howitt	An Act creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities	See H.4933
H.2178	Rep. Daniel Hunt	An Act relative to EMS leave without loss of pay	See H.4933

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H.2179	Rep. Daniel Hunt	An Act relative to snow removal fines	See H.4933
H.2180	Rep. Hannah Kane and Rep. James Arciero	An Act relative to protecting municipalities from unfunded mandates	See H.4933
H.2181	Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne and Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act relative to insurance proceeds for injured police and fire personnel in the town of Boylston	ОТР
H.2182	Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne	An Act relative to the management of Fuller Field in the town of Clinton	Ch.101 of 2022
H.2183	Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne	An Act relative to the select board of the town of Clinton	Ch.38 of 2022
H.2184	Rep. Kathleen LaNatra	An Act relative to emergency action on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Accompanied by S.1320)	ОТР
H.2185	Rep. John Lawn	An Act relative to veterans housing advantage	ОТР
H.2186	Rep. Marc Lombardo	An Act relative to sanctuary cities and towns	ONTP
H.2187	Rep. Adrian Madaro	An Act relative to school service contracts	Discharged to Education 12/7/21
H.2188	Rep. Elizabeth Malia and Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act encouraging public-private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites	See H.4933
H.2189	Rep. Paul Mark and Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act authorizing the city of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (With changes)	Ch.57 of 2021
H.2190	Rep. Christina Minicucci and Rep. Tram Nguyen	An Act to repeal Chapter 404 of the Acts of 2008 (Accompanied by S.1330)	Ch.20 of 2022
H.2191	Rep. Mathew Muratore and Sen. Susan Moran	An Act relative to Massachusetts Solar Access Law	See H.4933
H.2192	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act relative to proceeds from the sale of bonds (Accompanied S.1335)	ОТР
H.2193	Rep. Tram Nguyen	An Act to allow the town of Andover to transfer conservation land	Ch.14 of 2022
H.2194	Rep. James O'Day	An Act further addressing challenges to municipal governance caused by the COVID-19 emergency (Accompanied S.1356)	ОТР
H.2195	Rep. Steven Owens	An Act to update the public shade tree law (Accompanied S.1323)	ОТР
H.2196	Rep. Sarah Peake and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act authorizing the town of Orleans to rescind Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2008 and to adopt a sewer assessment bylaw	Ch.389 of 2022

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H.2197	Rep. Alice Peisch	An Act relative to access to local journalism	See H.4933
H.2198	Rep. David Rogers	An Act relative to the preservation of wetlands and water resources in Chapter 40B applications	ОТР
H.2199	Rep. Jeffrey Roy	An Act authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards (Accompanied by S.1336)	ОТР
H.2200	Rep. Daniel Ryan	An Act to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determination	See H.4933
H.2201	Rep. Daniel Ryan	An Act relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal (Boston)	See H.4933
H.2202	Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa and Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton (Amended by substitution of H.3995)	Ch.40 of 2021
H.2203	Rep. Adam Scanlon	An Act relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans	ОТР
H.2204	Rep. Alan Silvia	An Act requiring a performance bond prior to demolition	See H.4933
H.2205	Rep. Todd Smola	An Act relative to the Ware selectboard	Ch.61 of 2022
H.2206	Rep. Thomas Stanley	An Act relative to assessor certificates	ОТР
H.2207	Rep. Alyson Sullivan	An Act relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work	ОТР
H.2208	Rep. David Vieira	An Act relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches, and amenities in municipalities	ОТР
H.2209	Rep. David Vieira	An Act relative to dangerous dogs	OTP Redraft
H.2210	Rep. Tommy Vitolo	An Act relative to remote town meetings	ОТР
H.2211	Rep. Tommy Vitolo	An Act relative to parking permit fees	See H.4933
H.2212	Rep. Thomas Walsh	An Act relative to hillside protection	See H.4933
H.2213	Rep. Steven Xiarhos	An Act relative to civilian mental health advocates	Discharged to Public Safety and Homeland Security 12/7/21
H.3705	Rep. David Muradian and Sen. Michael Moore	An Act amending the charter of the town of Grafton	Ch.106 of 2021
H.3707	Rep. Joseph McGonagle	An Act relative to the city of Everett home rule charter (Accompanied S.41)	Ch.14 of 2021

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H.3724	Rep. James Arciero and Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act authorizing the disbursement of funds held by the town of Westford	Ch.3 of 2022
H.3725	Rep. Colleen Garry	An Act authorizing alternates on the Tyngsborough conservation commission	Ch.8 of 2022
H.3726	Rep. Colleen Garry	An Act authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to White Water, Inc.	Ch.104 of 2021
H.3727	Rep. Danillo Sena	An Act authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds	Ch.189 of 2022
H.3748	Rep. Josh Cutler and Rep. Kathleen LaNatra	An Act authorizing the establishment of a regional old colony communications center enterprise fund by the town of Duxbury	Ch.84 of 2022
H.3749	Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Cindy Friedman	An Act authorizing senior water and sewer discounts in the town of Arlington	Ch.118 of 2022
H.3750	Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Cindy Friedman	An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting the use of fossil fuels in certain construction	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
H.3751	Rep. Sally Kerans and Sen. Joan Lovely	An Act authorizing the town of Danvers to convey and acquire certain property	Ch.119 of 2022
H.3752	Rep. Angelo Puppolo	An Act relative to outstanding fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to the use of fireworks or pyrotechnics in the city of Springfield	OTP with changes
H.3792	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act amending the charter for the town of Nantucket	Ch.348 of 2022
H.3793	Rep. Paul Frost and Sen. Michael Moore	An Act authorizing the town of Millbury to enter into certain contracts for events held at the Asa Waters Mansion	See H.4933
H.3794	Rep. Sarah Peake and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Eastham	Ch.317 of 2022
H.3820	Rep. Richard Haggerty	An Act regulating the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation	Ch.95 of 2021
H.3823	Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the city charter of the city of Amesbury (Accompanied S.2448) (Amended by substitution of S.3133)	Ch.301 of 2022
H.3824	Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of mayor to 4 years (Accompanied S.2449)	Ch.47 of 2021
H.3825	Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair (Accompanied S.2450)	Ch.46 of 2021
H.3844	Rep. Carole Fiola	An Act relative to updating subdivision law	See H.4933

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H.3859	Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a Select Board	Ch.16 of 2022
Н.3860	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the West Tisbury Select Board (Amended by the substitution of H.4222)	Ch.12 of 2022
H.3867	Rep. Edward Philips	An Act authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen Park in the town of Sharon (Accompanied by S.1366)	Ch.30 of 2022
H.3883	Rep. Joseph McKenna	An Act relative to municipal land ownership	See H.4933
H.3892	Rep. Michelle Ciccolo and Sen. Cindy Friedman	An Act authorizing the town of Lexington to establish transit improvement districts	Discharged to Transportation 6/30/21
H.3893	Rep. Michelle Ciccolo	An Act authorizing the town of Lexington to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
H.3894	Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch	An Act relative to investment of certain trust funds in the town of Weston	Ch.57 of 2022
H.3899	Rep. Jeffrey Roy and Rep. Brian Murray	An Act amending the charter of the town of Medway (Amended by substitution of H.4259)	Ch.90 of 2022
Н.3900	Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa and Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement	Ch.24 of 2022
H.3909	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton	Ch.28 of 2022
H.3916	Rep. David DeCoste	An Act relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Norwell	Ch.55 of 2022
H.3917	Rep. Danielle Gregoire	An Act relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westborough (Amended by substitution of H.4302)	Ch.74 of 2022
H.3918	Rep. Danielle Gregoire	An Act relative to the department of public works in the town of Westborough	Ch.304 of 2022
H.3919	Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. James Eldridge	An Act relative to the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson	Ch.32 of 2022
H.3920	Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. James Eldridge	An Act amending the charter of the town of Hudson	Ch.114 of 2021
H.3925	Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Newburyport	Ch.280 of 2022
Н.3936	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act authorizing the use of Article ninety- seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable	Ch.139 of 2022
H.3937	Rep. Josh Cutler and Rep. Kathleen LaNatra	An Act relative to the Selectboard of the town of Duxbury	Ch.49 of 2022

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Н.3944	Rep. Christopher Markey	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and playground purposes (Identical to S.29) (Accompanied S.29)	Ch.18 of 2022
H.3945	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to provide police, fire, emergency, and other municipal services to certain properties in the city of Somerville and the city of Boston	ОТР
H.3948	Rep. William Straus	An Act relative to the Board of Selectmen of the town of Fairhaven	Ch.81 of 2021
H.3970	Rep. Steven Howitt and Sen. Paul Feeney	An Act providing for the appointment of a treasurer/collector in the town of Rehoboth	Ch.101 of 2021
H.3981	Rep. Daniel Carey	An Act amending the charter of the city of Easthampton	Ch.95 of 2022
H.3984	Rep. Linda Dean Campbell	An Act relative to the amendment of section 3-4 of the Home Rule Charter of the city of Methuen (Amended by substitution of H.4274)	Ch.285 of 2022
H.3985	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the Chilmark Select Board	Ch.332 of 2022
H.3986	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to utility improvements on private roads in the town of Eastham	Ch.21 of 2022
H.3987	Rep. Edward Philips	An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon to a select board	Ch.13 of 2022
H.3998	Rep. Michael Soter and Sen. Ryan Fattman	An Act to amend the Blackstone home rule charter by deleting the Town Administrator residency requirement	Ch.45 of 2022
H.4020	Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.	An Act creating a cell tower receipts fund for the town of North Reading	Ch.1 of 2022
H.4021	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission	ОТР
H.4035	Rep. Tram Nguyen	An Act providing for municipal meeting postponement due to inclement weather	ОТР
H.4046	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act facilitating local approval of inclusionary zoning	See H.4933
H.4057	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act facilitating local approval of condominium conversion ordinances	Discharged to Housing 12/7/21
H.4066	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board	Ch.90 of 2021
H.4076	Rep. James Arciero and Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act authorizing the town of Westford Select Board to dedicate two parcels of land currently held by the conservation commission for the Beaver Brook Road Bridge improvement project (Amended by substitution of H.4432)	Ch.59 of 2022

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H.4077	Rep. William Galvin	An Act authorizing the town of Canton to grant a right of way access easement across Article 97 land	See H.4933
H.4084	Rep. Maria Duaime Robinson and Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis	An Act restoring an increase in the membership of the Board of Health in the city of Framingham	Ch.107 of 2021
H.4087	Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch	An Act creating select board/town manager form of government in the town of Wayland (Amended by the substitution of H.4315)	Ch.33 of 2022
H.4091	Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Sen. Michael Barrett	An Act authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags	ОТР
H.4092	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act establishing an open town meeting in the town of Lee	Ch.99 of 2021
H.4098	Rep. James Kelcourse and Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain state property to the town of Salisbury	ОТР
H.4101	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Dunstable	Ch.110 of 2021
H.4104	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act authorizing Nantucket land transfers (Amended by substitution of H.4360)	Ch.93 of 2022
H.4105	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act authorizing Nantucket to issue pension obligation bonds or notes	ОТР
H.4106	Rep. Thomas Stanley	An Act authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a fee for checkout bags	ОТР
H.4108	Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile	An Act authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land	Ch.40 of 2022
H.4117	Rep. Tami Gouveia	An Act authorizing the town of Concord to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
H.4123	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the Nantucket Audit Committee	Ch.97 of 2022
Н.4166	Rep. Marjorie Decker	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to provide police, fire, emergency and other municipal services to certain properties in the city of Somerville and the city of Boston	See H.4933
H.4188	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act authorizing the town of Pepperell to convey a certain parcel of land to the Commonwealth (Amended by substitution of H.4794)	Ch.163 of 2022
H.4190	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to the Provincetown public pier corporation	Ch.393 of 2022

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H.4192	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act authorizing the town of Eastham, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham conservation foundation, inc.	ОТР
H.4197	Rep. Patricia Haddad and Sen. Michael Rodrigues	An Act authorizing the town of Swansea to enter into a lease agreement for Medeiros Farm	Ch.114 of 2022
H.4198	Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. John Cronin	An Act establishing a select board in the town of Bolton	Ch.70 of 2022
H.4199	Rep. Norman Orrall	An Act to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough	OTP Redraft
H.4215	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land in the towns of Lee and Lenox to Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc.	Ch.137 of 2022
H.4216	Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile	An Act relative to the membership of the Historic District Commission of the town of Sudbury (Amended by substitution of H.4313)	Ch.72 of 2022
H.4223	Rep. Angelo Puppolo, Jr.	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in the offices of the city council in the city of Springfield	Ch.68 of 2022
H.4230	Rep. Patricia Duffy	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (Amended by substitution of H.4501, which combined H.4299 and H.4230)	Ch.48 of 2022
H.4247	Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne	An Act authorizing the town of Clinton to accept certain streets as public ways	Ch.382 of 2022
H.4261	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Groton (Amended by substitution of H.4580)	Ch.41 of 2022
H.4286	Rep. Joan Meschino and Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act amending the charter of the town of Hull to make it more gender neutral	Ch.60 of 2022
H.4292	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act approving the Townsend Special Act Charter	OTP Redraft
H.4293	Rep. David Vieira	An Act relative to the Mashpee Select Board (Amended by substitution of H.4682)	Ch.395 of 2022

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H.4299	Rep. Patricia Duffy	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (Amended by substitution of H.4501, which combined H.4299 and H.4230)	Ch.48 of 2022
H.4314	Rep. Michelle Ciccolo	An Act authorizing a development surcharge for community housing in the town of Lexington	ОТР
H.4316	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act establishing a Beachwood/Lenstock Maintenance District in the town of Stockbridge	Ch.167 of 2022
H.4321	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the authority of the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the town of Oak Bluffs to exchange parcels of land	Ch.161 of 2022
H.4322	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act concerning the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in the town of Oak Bluffs	ОТР
H.4327	Rep. James O'Day	An Act relative to private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester	Ch.286 of 2022
H.4331	Rep. Jacob Oliveira	An Act allowing municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy 1/15/22
H.4355	Rep. James Hawkins	An Act providing for the laying out and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro	Ch.228 of 2022
H.4474	Rep. Kimberly Ferguson and Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik	An Act authorizing the conveyance of easements by the city of Fitchburg to the town of Westminster (Amended by substitution of H.4946)	Ch.162 of 2022
H.4475	Rep. William Galvin	An Act relative to Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation (Amended by substitution of H.5054)	Ch.245 of 2022
H.4483	Rep. Colleen Garry and Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Tyngsborough to a Select Board	Ch.318 of 2022
H.4484	Rep. Colleen Garry and Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act establishing the position of Town Manager in the town of Tyngsborough (Amended by substitution of H.5359)	Ch.342 of 2022
H.4519	Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield	Ch.132 of 2022

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H.4534	Rep. Daniel Ryan and Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act amending the charter of the city of Chelsea	ОТР
H.4556	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board	Ch.243 of 2022
H.4565	Rep. Jay Livingstone	An Act relative to the Boston Landmarks Commission	ОТР
H.4576	Rep. David Vieira	An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne (Amended by substitution of H.5370)	Ch.408 of 2022
H.4623	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act amending the charter of the city of Lynn	Ch.223 of 2022
H.4624	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act removing the residency requirement for the board of trustees of the Grand Army Building in the city of Lynn	Ch.194 of 2022
H.4625	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act removing the residency requirement for members of the traffic commission in the city of Lynn	Ch.212 of 2022
H.4626	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act removing the residency requirement for the city of Lynn's water and sewer commission	Ch.272 of 2022
H.4627	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act relative to the transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge	Ch.394 of 2022
H.4631	Rep. Josh Cutler	An Act relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson	Ch.133 of 2022
H.4632	Rep. Michael Day	An Act establishing a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in the town of Winchester	ОТР
H.4651	Rep. Patricia Haddad	An Act relative to the Swansea Water Commissioner health benefits	Ch.384 of 2022
H.4652	Rep. Patricia Haddad	An Act relative to changing the Swansea Water District Commissioner election and term	Ch.385 of 2022
H.4729	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Lee to a Select Board	Ch.350 of 2022

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H.4738	Rep. Timothy Whelan	An Act establishing a charter for the town of Brewster	Ch.396 of 2022
H.4773	Rep. Lori Ehrlich and Sen. Brendan Crighton	An Act amending the charter of the town of Swampscott	ОТР
H.4779	Rep. Linda Dean Campbell	An Act relative to the amendment of section 2-8(b) and section 3-2(a) of the Home Rule Charter of the city of Methuen	Ch.252 of 2022
H.4789	Rep. Daniel Ryan and Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act authorizing the creation of a linkage fee for development in the City of Chelsea	Ch.232 of 2022
H.4809	Rep. Josh Cutler	An Act authorizing Duxbury to offset betterment assessments from funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency	Ch.206 of 2022
H.4846	Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act authorizing the elimination of the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in the town of Deerfield and the creation of an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector	Ch.248 of 2022
H.4847	Rep. Patricia Duffy	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke	OTP Redraft
H.4878	Rep. Paul McMurtry and Sen. Michael Rush	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Dedham	ОТР
H.4887	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act to establish certain employment contracts for the town of Milford	Ch.324 of 2022
H.4958	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the transfer of Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission Land in Oak Bluffs (Amended by substitution of H.5049)	Ch.152 of 2022
H.4964	Rep. Denise Garlick	An Act providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority	Ch.277 of 2022
H.4971	Rep. Alyson Sullivan and Sen. Michael Brady	An Act establishing the North Bedford Street sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater	Ch.399 of 2022
H.4972	Rep. Alyson Sullivan and Sen. Michael Brady	An Act relative to the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of East Bridgewater	Ch.361 of 2022

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Н.4986	Rep. Kip Diggs	An Act authorizing the town of Barnstable to grant an easement to Park City Wind LLC	Ch.135 of 2022
H.4987	Rep. Patrick Joseph Kearney	An Act amending the charter of the town of Marshfield	ОТР
H.4994	Rep. John Barrett III	An Act to amend the Williamstown Town Charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral	ОТР
H.4995	Rep. John Barrett III	An Act to amend the town of Williamstown Home Rule Charter	Ch.362 of 2022
H.5011	Rep. Hannah Kane and Sen. Michael Moore	An Act changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury to the Select Board	Ch.215 of 2022
H.5012	Rep. Danillo Sena	An Act authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag	ОТР
H.5013	Rep. Danillo Sena	An Act authorizing the town of Acton to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (Amended by substitution of H.5439)	Ch.369 of 2022
H.5037	Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile	An Act relative to Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury	Ch.401 of 2022
H.5038	Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino	An Act relative to the school committee of the City of Revere	ОТР
H.5039	Rep. Russell Holmes	An Act relative to Chapter 30B: Uniform Procurement Act	Ch.334 of 2022
H.5068	Rep. Natalie Blais and Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act establishing the "West County Senior Services District"	Ch.402 of 2022
H.5081	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown	Ch.403 of 2022
H.5100	Rep. John Lawn, Jr.	An Act authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham	Ch.220 of 2022
H.5140	Rep. Edward Philips	An Act amending the charter of the town of Walpole	Ch.370 of 2022

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H.5191	Rep. David Muradian and Sen. Michael Moore	An Act relative to the employment contract for the director of public works in the town of Upton	Ch.330 of 2022
H.5216	Rep. John Barrett III	An Act to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough Board of Selectmen	ОТР
H.5241	Rep. Donald Berthiaume, Jr., and Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the Select Board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project	Ch.372 of 2022
H.5242	Rep. Donald Berthiaume, Jr., and Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act establishing the position of the treasurer- collector in the town of Hardwick	Ch.363 of 2022
H.5280	Rep. Kay Khan	An Act authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding ninety-nine years (Amended by substitution of H.5365)	Ch.347 of 2022
H.5282	Rep. Steven Howitt and Sen. Paul Feeney	An Act providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth	Ch. 323 of 2022
H.5294	Rep. Tami Gouveia and Sen. Michael Barrett	An Act authorizing the Town of Concord to establish a fee for checkout bags	ОТР
H.5299	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham	ОТР
H.5300	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Eastham	ОТР
H.5301	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Eastham	OTP with changes
H.5329	Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino	An Act authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr.	ОТР
H.5375	Rep. David Vieira	An Act establishing a shellfish mitigation receipts reserved fund in the town of Bourne	Ch.410 of 2022
Н.5380	Rep. Mathew Muratore and Sen. Susan Moran	An Act relative to the increase of certain maximum fines for motor vehicle parking violations in the town of Plymouth	Ch.376 of 2022

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H.5400	Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.	An Act providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Lynnfield	Ch.374 of 2022
H.5407	Rep. Rady Mom	An Act relative to the Lowell Civic Stadium Commission and Edward A. LeLacheur Park	OTP Redraft
H.5417	Rep. Joan Meschino and Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act authorizing the town of Hull to lease certain property and to extend leases on certain property to promote economic development and the more effective use of town property	OTP with changes
H.5418	Rep. Dylan Fernandes and Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Dukes County to appoint a treasurer who may not be a resident of the county	ОТР
H.5432	Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Cindy Friedman	An Act amending the Arlington Town Manager act relative to financial estimates and budget reporting	Ch.420 of 2022
S.29	Sen. Mark Montigny	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and playground purposes (Identical to H.3944) (Accompanied by H.3944)	Ch.18 of 2022
S.41	Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act relative to the City of Everett home rule charter	Ch.14 of 2021
S.42	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to increasing city of Gloucester parking fines	ОТР
S.43	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act further defining a quorum of a public body in the town of Monson (Amended by substitution of S.2610)	Ch.11 of 2022
S.1319	Sen. Michael Barrett	An Act relative to solar drying of laundry	ОТР
S.1320	Sen. Michael Brady	An Act relative to emergency action on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Accompanied H.2184)	ОТР
S.1321	Sen. Michael Brady	An Act relative to tax title expense (Accompanied by H.2150)	Ch.356 of 2022
S.1322	Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act protecting the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns (Accompanied by H.2148)	ОТР
S.1323	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act to update the public shade tree law (Accompanied by H.2195)	ОТР
S.1324	Sen. Brendan Crighton	An Act relative to parking	See S.2630

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S.1325	Sen. Brendan Crighton	An Act to prevent nonprofit institutions from avoiding wetlands or natural resource protections under the so-called Dover Amendment	See S.2630
S.1326	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to installing solar energy systems in historic districts	ОТР
S.1327	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act providing for pre-service training for members of local boards and commissions	ОТР
S.1328	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities	See S.2630
S.1329	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act relative to variances (Accompanied by H.2171)	ОТР
S.1330	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act to repeal Chapter 404 of the Acts of 2008 (Accompanied H.2190)	Ch.20 of 2022
S.1331	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws	ОТР
S.1332	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act encouraging municipal recycling and composting	See S.2630
S.1333	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all electric-buildings and homes ordinances	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 1/3/22
S.1334	Sen. Paul Feeney	An Act relative to remote town meetings	ОТР
S.1335	Sen. Cindy Friedman	An Act relative to proceeds from the sale of bonds (Accompanied by H.2192)	ОТР
S.1336	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards (Accompanied by H.2199)	ОТР
S.1337	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act to improve the local infrastructure development program (Accompanied by H.2135)	ОТР
S.1338	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act relative to forest wardens	ОТР
S.1339	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services	Discharged to Revenue 6/15/21
S.1340	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	An Act relative to the terms for members of the city of Somerville's Zoning Board of Appeals	Ch.63 of 2021
S.1341	Sen. John Keenan	An Act protecting animal welfare in cities and towns	See S.2630
S.1342	Sen. John Keenan	An Act relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy	See S.2630
S.1343	Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act (establishing a) Municipal Building Assistance Program and Building Authority	ОТР

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S.1344	Sen. Eric Lesser	An Act to establish a commission to study the distribution of unrestricted local aid (Accompanied by H.2139)	ОТР
S.1345	Sen. Jason Lewis (by request)	An Act to study establishment of, and definition of, a Middlesex Regional Commission	See S.2630
S.1346	Sen. Joan Lovely	An Act relative to PEG access and cable related funds	ОТР
S.1347	Sen. Michael Moore	Resolve establishing a special commission on the Dover Amendment	ОТР
S.1348	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act relative to local water and sewer district oversight	See S.2630
S.1349	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act relative to marijuana-related revenue in the town of Millbury	ОТР
S.1350	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act relative to sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury	Ch.353 of 2022
S.1351	Sen. Susan Moran	An Act increasing fairness in distribution of local aid generated by the state lottery	See S.2630
S.1352	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act authorizing the town of Marshfield to withdraw from the Metropolitan Area Planning District	See S.2630
S.1353	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the town of Middleborough to lease to the town of Plympton land owned by Middleborough and located in Plympton	Ch.17 of 2022
S.1354	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the town of Middleborough to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board (Amended by substitution of S.2778)	Ch.94 of 2022
S.1355	Sen. Rebecca Rausch	An Act authorizing the investment of trust funds benefiting the town of Sherborn library	Ch.336 of 2022
S.1356	Sen. Rebecca Rausch	An Act further addressing challenges to municipal governance caused by the COVID-19 emergency (Accompanied by H.2194)	ОТР
S.1357	Sen. Michael Rodrigues	An Act authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement in a portion of town property at 493 Old County Road to benefit 497 Old County Road	Ch.58 of 2022
S.1358	Sen. Michael Rodrigues	An Act authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospital Group, Inc. (Amended by substitution of S.2503)	Ch.260 of 2022
S.1359	Sen. Michael Rush	An Act to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determination	See S.2630

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S.1360	Sen. Michael Rush	An Act relative to EMS leave without loss of pay	See S.2630
S.1361	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act amending the Newbury general by-laws from board of selectmen to select board (Amended by substitution of S.2875)	Ch.217 of 2022
S.1362	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying real estate in the town of Hamilton	Ch.112 of 2021
S.1363	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to temporary waiver of interest and penalties for late payment of certain local assessments during the COVID-19 epidemic	ОТР
S.1364	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Milton	Ch.60 of 2021
S.1365	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act requiring a parent or guardian who is exempt from property tax to reimburse a child's school for tuition	See S.2630
S.1366	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen Park in the town of Sharon (Accompanied H.3867)	Ch.30 of 2022
S.1367	Sen. John Velis	An Act further providing for the leadership and governance of the town of Agawam (Amended by substitution of S.2523)	Ch.29 of 2022
S.1368	Sen. John Velis	An Act relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters	Discharged to Public Service 12/10/21
S.1369	Sen. John Velis	An Act amending Chapter 80 of the Acts of 2002 relative to special police officers in the town of Agawam (Amended by substitution of S.2589)	Ch.315 of 2022
S.2440	Sen. William Brownsberger	Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to select boards	ОТР
S.2441	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing the town of Wales to establish a department of public works	ОТР
S.2443	Sen. Edward Kennedy	An Act amending Section 9 of the 1921 City of Lowell Charter	ОТР
S.2448	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury (Accompanied by H.3823) (Amended by substitution of S.3133)	Ch.301 of 2022
S.2449	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years (Accompanied by H.3824)	Ch.47 of 2021
S.2450	Sen. Diana DiZoglio	An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair (Accompanied by H.3825)	Ch.46 of 2021
S.2463	Sen. Brendan Crighton	An Act validating the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant	See S.2630 (Already law-Chapter 45 of 2021)

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S.2464	Sen. Harriette Chandler and Rep. Kimberly Ferguson	An Act relative to the board of selectman of the town of Princeton	Ch.86 of 2021
S.2473	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act authorizing the town of Brookline to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
S.2474	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act to amend the Cohasset Town Manager Act to change the Cohasset board of selectmen to the "Cohasset select board" (Amended by substitution of S.2706)	Ch.56 of 2022
S.2482	Sen. Ryan Fattman	An Act amending the town of Sutton Home Rule Charter (Amended by substitution of S.2799)	Ch.122 of 2022
S.2491	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act amending the Town Administrator Special Act to change the name of the Hingham board of selectmen to the Hingham select board (Amended by substitution of S.2588)	Ch.37 of 2022
S.2497	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act to amend the town charter of the town of North Andover (Amended by substitution of S.2561)	Ch.105 of 2021
S.2513	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act relative to the select board of the town of Goshen	Ch.234 of 2022
S.2515	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act authorizing the town of Acton to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction	Discharged to Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy 12/17/21
S.2517	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the town of Middleborough to convey certain conservation land in the town (Amended by substitution of S.3029)	Ch.150 of 2022
S.2518	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the treasurer of the town of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents or guardians amounts paid but not reimbursed for the costs of the 2020 senior trip	Ch.226 of 2022
S.2524	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	An Act providing for a gender-neutral charter in the City of Somerville (Amended by substitution of S.3129)	Ch.312 of 2022
S.2529	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act authorizing the expenditure of \$500,000 from town of Brookline Marijuana Mitigation Stabilization Fund for purpose of advancing racial equity in the town of Brookline	ОТР
S.2539	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act authorizing the county of Plymouth to issue pension obligation bonds or notes	ОТР
S.2548	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act authorizing the town of Stoughton to transfer certain park property in exchange for acquisition and dedication of other land to park purposes (Amended by substitution of S.2732)	Ch.75 of 2022

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S.2562	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the charter of the town of Wareham	Ch.435 of 2022
S.2574	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act creating a Parks and Recreation Commission in the town of Templeton	Ch.311 of 2022
S.2575	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton	Ch.258 of 2022
S.2593	Sen. Barry Finegold	An Act authorizing the town of Tewksbury to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board (Amended by substitution of S.3128)	Ch.340 of 2022
S.2594	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to local opt-in for permanent outdoor dining	See S.2932
S.2618	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission	OTP with changes
S.2628	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act relative to the town administrator in the town of Milton (Amended by substitution of S.3127)	Ch.337 of 2022
S.2684	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act amending section 5 of chapter 270 of the Acts of 1985, as amended, to authorize delegation by general by-law of all select board licensing authority	ОТР
S.2685	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act exempting the town of Brookline from in- person quorums	ОТР
S.2742	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act eliminating the department of finance and budget in the town of Groveland	Ch.448 of 2022
S.2798	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act providing for a revised charter for the city of Taunton (Amended by substitution of S.3156)	Ch.442 of 2022
S.2843	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to the select board of the town of Wenham (Amended by substitution of S.3147)	Ch.355 of 2022
S.2869	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds	ОТР
S.2935	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act authorizing the town of Boxford to establish the Boxford small repair grants trust (Amended by substitution of S.3157)	Ch.443 of 2022
S.2936	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to changing the term board of selectmen to Select Board in the town of Wilmington (Amended by substitution of S.3166)	Ch.447 of 2022

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S.2938	Sen. Joanne Comerford	An Act authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin Water District (Amended by substitution of S.3116)	Ch.257 of 2022
S.2945	Sen. Rebecca Rausch	An Act relative to a town center wastewater service area for the town of Norfolk (Amended by substitution of S.3113)	Ch.354 of 2022
S.2946	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the town of Bridgewater's town charter relative to the makeup of the town council (Amended by substitution of S.3080)	Ch.197 of 2022
S.2947	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to precincts and districts (Accompanied S.2946, which was amended by substitution of S.3080)	Ch.197 of 2022
S.2948	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to definitions of districts and precincts (Accompanied S.2946, which was amended by substitution of S.3080)	Ch.197 of 2022
S.2949	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to signature requirements (Accompanied S.2946, which was amended by substitution of S.3080)	Ch.197 of 2022
S.2950	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to time of precinct and district charter amendments taking effect (Accompanied S.2946, which was amended by substitution of S.3080)	Ch.197 of 2022
S.2959	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the town of Carver to transfer certain real property, including water wells and a pumping station thereon to the Cranberry Village Residents Association, Inc. (Amended by substitution of S.3053)	Ch.170 of 2022
S.2962	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act amending the town charter of Ipswich	ОТР
S.2972	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act authorizing the select board of Easton to lease certain parcels of land (Amended by substitution of S.3131)	Ch.278 of 2022
S.2983	Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act relative to the city of Everett home rule charter	ОТР
S.3009	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act relative to the Carver town administrator bylaw change	ОТР

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S.3010	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act relative to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority	ОТР
S.3011	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act relative to funding for the Wareham affordable housing trust	Ch.377 of 2022
S.3012	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act relative to the submission of articles to Wareham town meetings	Ch.378 of 2022
S.3099	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act amending Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2008	ОТР
S.3100	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act amending the charter for the town of Nantucket	ОТР
S.3119	Sen. Michael Brady	An Act changing the board of selectmen of the town of Hanover to a select board	ОТР
S.3120	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act modifying certain titles and providing for the appointment of certain positions by the town administrator of the town of Newbury	Ch.379 of 2022

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