

HOUSE No. 3879

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>5/22/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> | <i>5/24/2023</i> |

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3879) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Westwood be authorized to create the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act creating the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, there shall be in the Town of Westwood the appointed offices of town treasurer and tax
3 collector, which offices may, but need not, be held by the same person, and which shall be
4 appointed pursuant to the provisions of the charter of the town of Westwood on file with the
5 archivist of the commonwealth in accord with section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws.

6 SECTION 2. Said charter of the town of Westwood is hereby amended by deleting the
7 text and title of section 7 of chapter 4 and inserting in place thereof, the following: 4-7
8 Moderator. 4-7-1. A moderator shall be elected for a term of 1 year and may receive such
9 compensation as may be appropriated by the town meeting.

10 SECTION 3. Subsection 1 of section 1 of chapter 8 of said town charter shall be
11 amended by deleting the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

12 The department shall include the offices and functions of the town accountant, town treasurer,
13 tax collector and board of assessors; provided, however, that although the office of the board of
14 assessors shall be part of the department of municipal finance, such office shall continue to
15 exercise its respective duties and responsibilities under the General Laws, except as otherwise
16 provided in this charter.

17 SECTION 4. Following the effective date of this act, the town administrator may appoint
18 a qualified person or persons to said office(s), which person or persons need not be residents of
19 the town of Westwood, and, upon the effective date of such appointment(s), the terms of any
20 elected or appointed incumbents shall be terminated and the elected positions abolished.

21 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.