

HOUSE No. 4170

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing

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 relative to the collector of taxes in the town of Blandford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>6/2/2014</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>6/2/2014</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Downing, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4170) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) that the board of selectmen of the town of Blandford be authorized to appoint the collector of taxes for said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the collector of taxes in the town of Blandford.

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 sections 1 and 1B of chapter 41 of the General Laws or
2 any other general or special law to the contrary, the collector of taxes of the town of Blandford
3 shall be appointed by the board of selectmen of the town of Blandford for a term of 3 years and
4 may be removed for cause by the board of selectmen after a hearing. Prior to any appointment
5 pursuant to this section, the candidate for appointment shall be interviewed at an open session
6 meeting of the board of selectmen and the following officers of the town: finance committee
7 chair; planning board chair; town accountant; and town treasurer. The collector of taxes
8 appointed pursuant to this section shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to
9 the liabilities and penalties conferred and imposed by law on collectors of taxes.

10 SECTION 2. The position of elected collector of taxes in the town of Blandford shall be
11 abolished upon the effective date of this act and the term of the elected incumbent terminated;
12 provided, however, that notwithstanding section 1, the elected incumbent shall then become the
13 first appointed collector of taxes and shall serve in that capacity for a period of time equivalent to
14 the remainder of the elected term or until the incumbent sooner vacates the office. After the
15 expiration of the term of the incumbent collector of taxes, or a sooner vacating of the office, the
16 board of selectmen shall appoint a collector of taxes pursuant to section 1.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.