

SENATE No. 2102

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen
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SENATE, Thursday, April 15, 2014

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Senate Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield (Senate, No. 1994),- reports, recommending that the same be amended as follows, and that, when doing so amended, it will be correctly drawn by substituting, in part, a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2102).

For the committee,
Benjamin B. Downing

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An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield.

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. Section 2-1 of the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield,
2 which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of
3 chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting
4 in place thereof the following subsection:-

5 (b) Term of Office – The term of office for town councilors shall be for 4 years,
6 beginning on the first business day of January after the town election, and until the town
7 councilors’ successors have been qualified.

8 SECTION 2. Section 2-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a)
9 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

10 (a) Election and Term – As soon as practicable after the councilors-elect have been
11 qualified following each town election or on the first business day of the new year, the members
12 of the town council shall elect from among its members a council president who shall serve
13 during the ensuing year.

14 SECTION 3. Clause 1 of subsection (c) of section 2-6 of said charter is hereby amended
15 by striking out the word “bylaw” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- ordinance.

16 SECTION 4. Section 3-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b)
17 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

18 (b) Term of Office – The term of office of the mayor shall be 4 years beginning on the
19 first business day of January following the town election at which the mayor was chosen and
20 until a successor is qualified.

21 SECTION 5. Section 3-3 of said charter is hereby amended by adding the following
22 subsection:-

23 (d) The mayor shall appoint 5 members of the board of trustees for soldiers' memorials,
24 subject to confirmation by the town council, consistent with section 105 of chapter 41 of the
25 General Laws.

26 SECTION 6. Subsection (a) of section 3-9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
27 out the words "twenty-seven (27)" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 39.

28 SECTION 7. Section 4-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b)
29 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

30 (b) Term of Office - The term of office for the 6 members of the school committee
31 elected by the voters shall be for 4 years each, with staggered terms, beginning on the first
32 business day of January after the town election and continuing until the school committee
33 member's successor has been qualified.

34 SECTION 8. Section 4-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a)
35 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

36 (a) Election and Term – As soon as practicable after the school committee members-elect
37 have been qualified following each town election or on the first business day of the new year, as
38 provided in section 8-8, the school committee shall organize by electing 1 of its members to
39 serve as school committee chair and 1 of its members to serve as school committee vice-chair for
40 the ensuing year.

41 SECTION 9. Section 6-11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection
42 (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

43 (c) The members shall serve 3-year staggered terms. Commission members shall serve
44 without compensation.

45 SECTION 10. Subsection (a) of section 6-14 of said charter is hereby amended by
46 striking out the words "three (3) years" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 4.

47 SECTION 11. Said section 6-14 of said charter is hereby further amended by adding the
48 following subsection:-

49 (d) Term of Office – The term of office for all elected members of the board of assessors
50 shall be 4 years each, with staggered terms, beginning on the first business day of January after
51 the town election and until the member's successor has been qualified.

52 SECTION 12. Section 6-22 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection
53 (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

54 (a) At the election, the voters shall, in every year when the terms of officers referred to
55 herein expire, elect the following town officers for the following terms: 3 trustees of the A.K.
56 Warner Trust for a term of 2 years; 3 trustees of the Jennie L. Bascom Education Fund for a term
57 of 2 years; 1 elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for a term of 2 years; and such other officers
58 as required by law to be elected.

59 SECTION 13. Section 7-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
60 “second Tuesday in June” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- first Tuesday after
61 the first Monday in November on years ending in an odd number.

62 SECTION 14. Subsection (b) of section 7-2 of said charter is hereby amended by
63 inserting after the word “sought” the following words:- ; and for the office of assessor, not less
64 than 100 signatures, provided, however, that not more than 25 signatures from any 1 precinct
65 shall be counted in the minimum number of required signatures.

66 SECTION 15. Said subsection (b) of said section 7-2, is hereby further amended by
67 striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- All other
68 elected officials shall be required to obtain not less than 25 signatures to place the official’s name
69 on the ballot.

70 SECTION 16. Subsection (a) of section 8-8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
71 out the words “in July of each year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- of the
72 new year.

73 SECTION 17. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 9-5.

74 SECTION 18. (a) The first town election following the acceptable of this act by the
75 voters will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November on years ending in an
76 odd number.

77 (b) Upon acceptance of this act by the voters, the terms of office of all elected officials
78 holding office on that date will expire on December 31, 2015.

79 (c) Transitional elections in 2015 shall provide for 1 mayor to be elected for a 4-year
80 term; 2 town councilors at large and precinct councilors in precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 for 4-year
81 terms; 2 town councilors at large and precinct councilors in precincts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 for 2-year
82 terms; 3 school committee members to be elected for 4-year terms; 3 school committee members
83 to be elected for 2-year terms; 1 assessor to be elected for a 4-year term; and 1 assessor to be
84 elected for a 2-year term. Thereafter, elections shall provide for elected officials to hold terms of
85 office as provided for in the charter.