

SENATE No. 1961

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 creation of a treasurer-collector in the town of Plainville.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Richard J. Ross

Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

Shawn Dooley

9th Norfolk

SENATE No. 1961

By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1961) of Richard J. Ross and Shawn Dooley (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the creation of a treasurer-collector in the town of Plainville. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the creation of a treasurer-collector in the town of Plainville.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 treasurer-collector for the town of Plainville who shall be appointed by the town administrator.
3 The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter
4 conferred or imposed by law on town treasurers and tax collectors. The treasurer-collector shall
5 have all the powers and perform all the duties of the treasurer-collector as provided in this act or
6 as assigned by the town administrator, including: (i) daily reporting to the town accountant; and
7 (ii) supervising and directing the operations and employees of the office of treasurer- collector
8 pursuant to the General Laws or any special law applicable to the town, the town personnel by-
9 laws and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

10 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1, the elected positions of treasurer and tax
11 collector in the town of Plainville shall be abolished and the terms of the officers holding these
12 offices shall be terminated; provided, however, that should the elected incumbent in 1 or both

13 offices be the person holding office on the effective date of this act, the incumbent shall hold the
14 appointed treasurer-collector position until the end of the elected term or, if sooner, the
15 incumbent's resignation or retirement. After the incumbent vacates the office of the treasurer-
16 collector, the town administrator shall appoint the treasurer-collector pursuant to section 1;
17 provided, however, that nothing in this act shall prohibit the town administrator from appointing
18 the person to the office of treasurer-collector.

19 SECTION 3. All records, property and equipment of the elected offices of treasurer and
20 tax collector shall be transferred immediately to the appointed office of treasurer-collector. All
21 official bonds, obligations, contracts and other instruments entered into or executed by or on
22 behalf of the town of Plainville prior to the effective date of this act and all taxes, assessments,
23 fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred or imposed, due or owing to the town shall be enforced
24 and collected, shall continue without abatement and shall remain unaffected by this act.

25 SECTION 4. The appointed treasurer-collector shall in all respects be the lawful
26 successor of the offices abolished or consolidated pursuant to this act. No person in the regular
27 permanent full-time or part-time service or employment of the town shall forfeit the rate of
28 compensation, grade, step or time of service on account of the creation of the appointed
29 treasurer-collector position. Each person shall be retained in a capacity as similar as practical to
30 the person's former capacity. No collective bargaining agreement, contracts or liabilities in force
31 on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the offices of elected town
32 treasurer and elected tax collector or the creation of the appointed treasurer-collector position
33 pursuant to this act.

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