

SENATE No. 34

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 sewer commissioners in the town of Wareham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc R. Pacheco

First Plymouth and Bristol

Susan Williams Gifford

2nd Plymouth

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to sewer commissioners in the town of Wareham. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to sewer commissioners in the town of Wareham.

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. Subsection (b) of section 1 of chapter 114 of the acts of 2014 is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the last sentence the following sentences:-

3 Except as expressly provided by the Wareham Charter, the board of sewer
4 commissioners' authority and sewer superintendent's responsibilities are intended to pertain only
5 to the technical operation of the sewer system and facilities. The Town Administrator shall
6 continue to maintain and exercise administrative control over personnel as currently provided by
7 the Wareham Charter, and the Board of Selectmen shall continue to be the town of Wareham's
8 sole collective bargaining agent as provided for by G.L. c. 150E.

9 SECTION 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (d) of said section 1 of said chapter 114 is
10 hereby amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new
11 paragraph:

12 (i) The sewer superintendent shall be responsible for the efficient technical administration
13 of the sewer system and facilities, and for implementing any such votes of the sewer
14 commissioners as lie within that commission's jurisdiction. Except as expressly provided in the
15 Wareham Charter, the sewer commissioners have no control over personnel matters.

16 SECTION 3. The first sentence of paragraph (ii) of said subsection (d) of said section 1
17 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by striking all instances of the words "sewer
18 superintendent" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- town administrator

19 SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by inserting the
20 following new subsections:-

21 (e) The sewer commissioners shall provide a detailed and balanced budget for the sewer
22 system and enterprise fund to the Town Administrator by January 5.

23 (f) Section 7-9 of the Wareham Charter shall govern the removal of the sewer
24 superintendent.