

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4079**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer E. Benson***

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*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 Establishing the Appointed Position of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Ayer.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Jennifer E. Benson*

*37th Middlesex*

*James B. Eldridge*

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish the position of treasurer-collector in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act Establishing the Appointed Position of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Ayer.

*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  
2 established in the town of Ayer the appointed position of treasurer-collector. Said treasurer-  
3 collector shall be appointed and may be removed by the Ayer board of selectmen, and shall serve  
4 at its pleasure. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the  
5 liabilities and penalties imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The  
6 board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary,  
7 fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay,  
8 reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of the duties of office, liability insurance  
9 and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and  
10 leave.

11           SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the positions of elected town treasurer  
12 and elected tax collector shall be abolished and the terms of the officer or officers holding said

13 offices shall be terminated. The elected incumbent holding the office with the longer term  
14 remaining shall become the first appointed treasurer-collector and shall serve for a period  
15 equivalent to the remainder of such elected term or sooner vacating of office. Thereafter,  
16 appointments to the position of treasurer-collector shall be made in accordance with section 1.

17 SECTION 3. As of the effective date of this act, all records, property and equipment of  
18 the offices of the treasurer and collector, shall be transferred to the combined office. All official  
19 bonds, obligations, contracts and other instruments entered into or executed by or on behalf of  
20 the town before adoption of this act and all taxes, assessments, fines, penalties and forfeitures  
21 incurred or imposed, due or owing to the town, shall, notwithstanding any provision of this act,  
22 continue to be enforced and collected without abatement, except as otherwise provided by law.  
23 No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the  
24 adoption of this act or the abolition of the elected offices of treasurer and collector. The  
25 appointed treasurer-collector position created by section 1 shall, in all respects, be the lawful  
26 successor of the elected offices of town treasurer and tax collector.

27 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Or take any other action relative  
28 thereto.