

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4235**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero and Edward J. Kennedy*

*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 Westford Home Rule Charter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>11/8/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>11/8/2019</i>

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By Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4235) of James Arciero and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to rename the board of selectmen in said town to the select board. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to Westford Home Rule Charter.

*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. The title of the charter of the town of Westford, as established by chapter  
2 480 of the acts of 1989, as amended, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the  
3 commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby  
4 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, and inserting in place thereof, the  
5 following words: - Select Board.

6           SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of Section 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
7 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select  
8 board.

9           SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of Section 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
10 out the words “board of selectmen” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
11 instance, the following words: - select board.

12 SECTION 4. Subsection (c) of Section 5 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
13 “other vote of the town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - by other  
14 town meeting vote.

15 SECTION 5. Section 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
16 board” each time it appears and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:  
17 - the select board.

18 SECTION 6. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
19 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

20 SECTION 7. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
21 board”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
22 words:- the select board.

23 SECTION 8. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “He”  
24 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - The town manager.

25 SECTION 9. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his”,  
26 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the town manager’s.

27 SECTION 10. Section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
28 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

29 SECTION 11. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
30 board” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
31 words:- the select board.

32 SECTION 12. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
33 town manager” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
34 following words:- the town manager.

35 SECTION 13. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
36 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

37 SECTION 14. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “him”  
38 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the town manager.

39 SECTION 14. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he”  
40 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the town manager.

41 SECTION 15. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “by  
42 town meeting vote” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - by other town meeting  
43 vote.

44 SECTION 16. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his”  
45 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the town manager’s.

46 SECTION 17. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
47 town manager” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
48 following words: - the town manager.

49 SECTION 18. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
50 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

51 SECTION 19. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “said  
52 chiefs” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the police and fire chiefs.

53 SECTION 20. Section 10 is hereby amended by striking out the words “said town  
54 manager” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
55 words:- the town manager.

56 SECTION 21. Subsection (c) Section 10 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
57 out the words “said board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the  
58 select board.

59 SECTION 22. Subsection (b) of Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
60 out the word “insure” and inserting in place thereof the follow word: - ensure.

61 SECTION 23. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
62 “board of selectmen” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
63 following words: - select board.

64 SECTION 24. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
65 “said board of selectmen” every time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
66 the following words: - the select board.

67 SECTION 25. Subsection (d) of Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
68 out the words “said town manager” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - The  
69 town manager.

70 SECTION 26. Subsection (e) of Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
71 out the words “said board” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the select board.

72 SECTION 27. Subsection (f) of Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
73 out the words “Said plan” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - This plan.

74 SECTION 28. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
75 “his” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: -  
76 the town manager’s

77 SECTION 29. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
78 “him” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:  
79 - the town manager.

80 SECTION 30. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
81 “board of selectmen” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
82 following words: - select board.

83 SECTION 31. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
84 “said board of selectmen” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance: -  
85 the select board.

86 SECTION 32. Subsection (c) of Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
87 the words “other votes of the town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following words: -  
88 other town meeting votes.

89 SECTION 33. Subsection (e) of Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
90 the words “board of selectmen’s” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select  
91 board’s.

92 SECTION 34. Subsection (f) of Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
93 out the word “them” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the board.

94 SECTION 35. Subsection (f) of Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
95 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the town manager.

96 SECTION 36. Section 13 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
97 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

98 SECTION 37. Section 14 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
99 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

100 SECTION 38. Section 15 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
101 “board of selectmen” each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
102 following words: - select board.

103 SECTION 39. Section 16 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
104 “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - select board.

105 SECTION 40. Section 16 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
106 “Other such regional authorities, districts or committees as may be established by law or  
107 interlocal agreement” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - In addition, they will  
108 elect other such regional authorities, districts, or committees as may be established by law or  
109 interlocal agreement.

110 SECTION 41. This act shall take effect upon its passage.