

SENATE No. 2406

November 14, 2019 - New draft (Senator Tarr) to the Senate Bill relative to gender neutral redraft of the town charter of Ipswich (Senate, No. 1203).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to make it gender neutral and to further regulate town operations.

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 section 2 of the charter of the town of Ipswich, which is on file
2 in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of
3 the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and
4 inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
6 words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
8 word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the members of the select
9 board.

10 SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by adding the
11 following paragraph:-

12 The select board shall work with the finance committee, town manager and officials to
13 ensure that there are policies and best practices in place to produce municipal operating budgets
14 to be presented at the annual town meetings. The select board shall take a leadership role in a
15 collaborative process among public bodies and officials, including the school committee, finance
16 committee, planning board and town manager, to develop, recommend and implement long-term
17 plans, priorities, capital expenditures and environmental protection policies for the town of
18 Ipswich. The select board shall only develop town policies and regulations that are not under the
19 lawful, designated jurisdiction or the duty of another public body or official.

20 SECTION 5. The title of section 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the
21 word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the select board

22 SECTION 6. Said section 3 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
23 words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
24 instance, the following words:- select board.

25 SECTION 7. Section 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
26 “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the
27 following words:- select board.

28 SECTION 8. Section 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
29 “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

30 SECTION 9. Said section 5 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
31 word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the official’s.

SECTION 10. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 11. The first sentence of section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 12. The second sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the words:- select board.

SECTION 13. The fourth sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 14. The fifth sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 15. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 16. Said section 8 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

SECTION 17. Said section 8 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

52 SECTION 18. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
53 “Selectmen”, the first, second, fourth and fifth times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
54 each instance, the following words:- select board.

55 SECTION 19. The fourth sentence of said section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by
56 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
57 select board.

58 SECTION 20. Said section 9 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
59 word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

60 SECTION 21. Said section 9 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the
61 word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

62 SECTION 22. Section 10 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
63 “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

64 SECTION 23. Said section 10 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
65 the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

66 SECTION 24. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
67 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-
68 the town manager’s.

69 SECTION 25. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
70 the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following
71 words:- the town manager.

SECTION 26. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “him”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- the town manager.

SECTION 27. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 28. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, the second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 29. Clause (h) of said section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town manager.

SECTION 30. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- the town manager’s.

SECTION 31. Section 13 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “, Civil Defense Director, and Safety Director” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and emergency management and civil defense director.

SECTION 32. Section 17 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “his duties” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the duties of the office.

SECTION 33. The second sentence of section 18 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town clerk.

SECTION 34. Said section 18 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- the town clerk’s.

SECTION 35. The last sentence of said section 18 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town clerk.

SECTION 36. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 19.

SECTION 37. Section 20 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

SECTION 38. The third sentence of section 21 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 39. Said section 21 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

SECTION 40. The sixth sentence of said section 21 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 41. Section 23 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 42. Section 24 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

113 SECTION 43. Said section 24 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
114 the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

115 SECTION 44. Said section 24 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
116 the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the
117 following words:- select board.

118 SECTION 45. Section 25 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
119 “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the officer.

120 SECTION 46. Section 27 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
121 “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

122 SECTION 47. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking the
123 word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town manager.

124 SECTION 48. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
125 the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

126 SECTION 49. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
127 the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- the town manager.

128 SECTION 50. The first paragraph of section 28 of said charter is hereby amended by
129 striking out the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
130 instance, the following words:- select board.

131 SECTION 51. The second paragraph of said section 28 of said charter is hereby further
132 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
133 following words:- select board.

134 SECTION 52. Section 32 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
135 “Selectmen”, the first, second and fourth times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
136 instance, the words:- select board.

137 SECTION 53. Said section 32 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word
138 “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- the official’s.

139 SECTION 54. Section 33 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
140 “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the
141 following words:- select board.

142 SECTION 55. Said section 33 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out
143 the word “selectmen”, the third time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the words:- select
144 board.