

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2458

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

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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 amending the charter for the town of Walpole.

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:          |
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| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>  | <i>11th Norfolk</i>        |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i> | <i>12th Norfolk</i>        |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>   | <i>9th Norfolk</i>         |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i>         |

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2458) of Paul R. Feeney, Paul McMurtry, John H. Rogers, Shawn Dooley and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Walpole. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act amending the charter for the town of Walpole.

*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 (C) of section 2-2 of article II of the charter of the town of  
2   Walpole, as established by chapter 5 of the acts of 1999, and as it has been amended from time to  
3   time, and is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12  
4   of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of  
5   selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

6           SECTION 2. Subsection (A) of section 2-4 of said article II of said charter is hereby  
7   amended by striking out the words “board of selectman” and inserting in place thereof the  
8   following words:- select board.

9           SECTION 3. Subsection (A) of section 2-5 of said article II of said charter is hereby  
10   amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in  
11   place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 4. Subsection (C) of said section 2-5 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 5. Subsection (D) of said section 2-5 of said article II 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 6. Subsection (B) of section 2-9 of said article II 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 7. Subsection (C) of said section 2-9 of said article II 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 8. Subsection (E) (2) of said section 2-9 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- chair.

SECTION 9. Subsection (C) of section 2-10 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- select board.

SECTION 10. Subsection (B) of section 2-11 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- select board.

SECTION 11. Subsection (C) of section 2-11 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- select board.

SECTION 12. Section 2-12 of said article II 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 13. Subsection (D) of said section 2-13 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 14. Subsection (A) of section 3-1 of article III 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 3-2 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking from the heading the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 16. Subsection (A) of said section 3-2 of said article III 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 17. Subsection (B) (1) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is hereby stricken in its entirety and in place thereof the following words shall be inserted:- (1) All executive authority of the town government shall be vested in a select board. The members of

the select board may be referred to as board members or select board members. The select board, despite the nomenclature used to describe such board, shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon boards of selectmen under the constitution and general and special laws of the commonwealth, as determined by the town by-laws and this charter. It shall be the responsibility of the select board to provide executive policy and procedure to be carried out by the town administrator. The select board shall require all offices and municipal agencies to administer and enforce the laws equally among the public to protect the general welfare and the select board may bring suit against any offices or municipal agency if necessary to carry out the rule of law.

SECTION 18. Subsections (B)(2) – (8) of said section 3-2 of said article III 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 19. Subsections (B) (2) – (8) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 20. Subsection (B) (3) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “deem” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- deems.

SECTION 21. Subsection (B) (4) of section 3-5 of said article III 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 22. Subsection (B) (1) of section 3-7 of said article III 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 23. Subsection (A) of section 3-10 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board members.

SECTION 24. Subsection (B) of section 3-10 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 25. Section 4-1 of article IV 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 26. Section 4-2 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 27. Said section 4-2 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board members.

SECTION 28. Section 4-3 of said article IV 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 29. Said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 30. Subsection (H) of said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “board” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select boards.

SECTION 31. Subsection (L) of said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen’s”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board’s.

SECTION 32. Subsection (D) of section 4-4 of said article IV 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 33. Section 4-5 of said article IV 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 34. Said section 4-5 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “board”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 35. Section 4-6 of said article IV 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.

115           SECTION 36. Said section 4-6 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by  
116 striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
117 board.

118           SECTION 37. Subsection (B) of section 5-1 of article V of said charter is hereby  
119 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in  
120 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

121           SECTION 38. Said section 5-1 of said article V of said charter is hereby amended by  
122 striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
123 board.

124           SECTION 39. Section 5-2 of said article V of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
125 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
126 board.

127           SECTION 40. Section 6-2 of article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking out  
128 the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

129           SECTION 41. Section 6-3 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
130 out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

131           SECTION 42. Section 6-4 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
132 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
133 board.



134           SECTION 43. Section 6-7 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
135 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
136 instance, the following words:- select board.

137           SECTION 44. Section 6-8 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
138 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
139 board.

140           SECTION 45. Subsection (A) of section 6-9 of said article VI of said charter is hereby  
141 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the  
142 following words:- select board.

143           SECTION 46. Subsection (B) of said section 6-9 of said article VI of said charter is  
144 hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the  
145 following words:- select board.

146           SECTION 47. Section 6-10 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by  
147 striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
148 select board.

149           SECTION 48. Subsection (B) of section 7-6 of article VII of said charter is hereby  
150 amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place  
151 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

152           SECTION 49. Subsection (D) of section 8-8 of article VIII of said charter is hereby  
153 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in  
154 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 50. This act shall take effect upon its passage.