

SENATE No. 2600

Senate, March 18, 2020 --Text of the Senate amendment (Senators Brady and Timilty) to the House Bill relative to the gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Easton (House, No. 3984).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section C2-2 of article 2 of the charter of the town of
2 Easton, which is on file in the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of
3 chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- At the first town meeting session at which the
5 moderator presides following the moderator’s election, the moderator shall appoint a deputy
6 moderator to serve as acting moderator in the event of the moderator’s temporary absence or
7 disability.

8 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of said section C2-2 of said article 2 of said charter
9 is hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following
10 words:- the moderator.

11 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of said section C2-2 of said article 2 of said charter is
12 hereby amended by striking out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following
13 words:- The moderator.

14 SECTION 4. The second paragraph of section C2-4 of said article 2 of said charter is
15 hereby amended by striking out the words “he shall designate a deputy to attend in his place” and

16 inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town officer, department head or division
17 head shall designate a deputy to attend in place of the town officer, department head or division
18 head.

19 SECTION 5. Subsection (a) of section C3-1 of article 3 of said charter is hereby
20 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
21 following words:- select board.

22 SECTION 6. Section C3-2 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
23 out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in
24 each instance, the following words:- select board.

25 SECTION 7. Said section C3-2 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby further amended
26 by striking out the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
27 instance, the following words:- select board.

28 SECTION 8. Subsection (b) of section C3-3 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby
29 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the
30 moderator’s.

31 SECTION 9. Section C4-1 of article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
32 the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
33 instance, the following words:- select board.

34 SECTION 10. Said section C4-1 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by
35 striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,
36 the following words:- the town administrator’s.

37 SECTION 11. Said section C4-1 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
38 amended by striking out the word “He”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
39 each instance, the following words:- the town administrator.

40 SECTION 12. The fourth sentence of the first paragraph of said section C4-1 of said
41 article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place
42 thereof the following words:- the town administrator.

43 SECTION 13. Section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by
44 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place
45 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

46 SECTION 14. Said section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
47 amended by striking out the word “He”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
48 each instance, the following words:- The town administrator.

49 SECTION 15. Said section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
50 amended by striking out the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
51 each instance, the following words:- The town administrator.

52 SECTION 16. Said section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
53 amended by striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
54 each instance, the following words:- the town administrator.

55 SECTION 17. Said section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
56 amended by striking out the word “him”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
57 each instance, the following words:- the town administrator.

58 SECTION 18. Clause (m) of said section C4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby
59 amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
60 words:- select board.

61 SECTION 19. Section C4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by
62 striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,
63 the following words:- the town administrator’s.

64 SECTION 20. Section C4-4 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by
65 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place
66 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

67 SECTION 21. Said section C4-4 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further
68 amended by striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in
69 each instance, the following words:- the town administrator’s.

70 SECTION 22. Subsection (c) of said section C4-4 of said article 4 of said charter is
71 hereby amended by striking out the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
72 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- the town administrator.

73 SECTION 23. Section C5-1 of article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
74 the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
75 instance, the following words:- select board.

76 SECTION 24. Section C5-4 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by
77 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place
78 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

79 SECTION 25. The second paragraph of said section C5-4 of said article 5 of said charter
80 is hereby amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following
81 words:- the director’s.

82 SECTION 26. Subsection (a) of section C5-5 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby
83 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
84 following words:- select board.

85 SECTION 27. Section C6-2 of article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
86 the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
87 board.

88 SECTION 28. The last sentence of section C6-3 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby
89 amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
90 words:- select board.

91 SECTION 29. The second sentence of the introductory paragraph of section C6-4 of said
92 article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in
93 place thereof the following words:- select board.

94 SECTION 30. The third sentence of said introductory paragraph of said section C6-4 of
95 said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in
96 place thereof the following words:- the town administrator’s.

97 SECTION 31. The first paragraph of section C6-5 of said article 6 of said charter is
98 hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof
99 the following words:- select board.

100 SECTION 32. The first paragraph of section C6-6 of said article 6 of said charter is
101 hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof
102 the following words:- select board.

103 SECTION 33. Section C6-8 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by
104 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
105 select board.

106 SECTION 34. Section C7-1 of article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
107 the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

108 SECTION 35. Said section C7-1 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby further
109 amended by striking out the word “Committeemen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
110 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- committee members.

111 SECTION 36. Section C7-9 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by
112 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place
113 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

114 SECTION 37. The last sentence of subsection (b) of said section C7-9 of said article 7 of
115 said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the
116 following words:- the attorney general’s.

117 SECTION 38. Subsection (b) of said section C-7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
118 hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following
119 words:- the town clerk.

120 SECTION 39. Said subsection (b) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
121 hereby further amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the
122 following words:- the town clerk’s.

123 SECTION 40. Said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby further
124 amended by striking out the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
125 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

126 SECTION 41. Said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby further
127 amended by striking out the word “Selectmen’s”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
128 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- Select board’s.

129 SECTION 42. Subsection (c) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
130 hereby amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following
131 words:- the town clerk.

132 SECTION 43. Said subsection (c) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
133 hereby further amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the
134 following words:- the town clerk’s.

135 SECTION 44. Subsection (d) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
136 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
137 sentence:- Any officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed in that office and,
138 unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the town clerk shall place that officer’s name on
139 the ballot without nomination.

140 SECTION 45. Said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby further
141 amended by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

142 (e) Incumbent holds office until election. The incumbent shall continue to perform the
143 duties of the office until the recall election. If then reelected, the incumbent shall continue in
144 office for the remainder of the unexpired term for which the incumbent was elected, subject to
145 recall as before and except as provided in this section. If not reelected in the recall election, the
146 officer shall be deemed recalled upon the qualification of the officer's successor and the
147 successor shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the successor fails to
148 qualify within 5 days after receiving notification of election, the incumbent shall thereupon be
149 deemed removed and the office vacant.

150 SECTION 46. Subsection (g) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
151 hereby amended by striking out the word "he" and inserting in place thereof the following
152 words:- the officer.

153 SECTION 47. Said subsection (g) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
154 hereby further amended by striking out the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the
155 following words:- such officer's.

156 SECTION 48. Subsection (h) of said section C7-10 of said article 7 of said charter is
157 hereby amended by striking out the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following
158 words:- such person.

159 SECTION 49. Subsection (b) of section C7-11 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby
160 amended by striking out the word "he" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- such
161 officer, member or employee.

162 SECTION 50. The first paragraph of subsection (c) of said section C7-11 of said article
163 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “him” and inserting in place thereof
164 the following words:- such officer, member or employee.

165 SECTION 51. The second paragraph of said subsection (c) of said section C7-11 of said
166 article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place
167 thereof the following words:- such officer’s member’s or employee’s.

168 SECTION 52. Subsection (a) of section C7-12 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby
169 amended by striking out the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-
170 chairperson.

171 SECTION 53. Section C8-3 of article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
172 the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- such person’s.

173 SECTION 54. Section C8-6 of article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
174 the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
175 instance, the following words:- select board.