

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2169**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James K. Hawkins***

*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 to amend the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/9/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2169) of James K. Hawkins and Adam J. Scanlon (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to amend the charter of said city by making all gender references therein gender neutral. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3678 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to amend the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral.

*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 (a) of section 2-1 of the charter of the city of Attleboro, which is  
2 on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter  
3 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the word “councilmen”, each time it  
4 appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- councilors.

5           SECTION 2. Said subsection (a) of said section 2-1 of said charter is hereby further  
6 amended by striking out the word “councilman” and inserting in place thereof the following  
7 word:- councilor.

8 SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of said section 2-1 of said charter is hereby amended by  
9 striking out the word “councilman” and inserting in place thereof, the following word:-  
10 councilor.

11 SECTION 4. Said subsection (b) of said section 2-1 of said charter is hereby further  
12 amended by striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
13 each instance, the words:- the member’s.

14 SECTION 5. Subsection (c) of said section 2-1 of said charter is hereby amended by  
15 striking out the word “councilmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
16 councilors.

17 SECTION 6. Section 2-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
18 “councilmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

19 SECTION 7. Section 2-3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
20 “councilmen-elect” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors-elect.

21 SECTION 8. Subsection (b) of section 2-5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
22 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the member.

23 SECTION 9. Subsection (c) of section 2-6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
24 out the word “councilman”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following  
25 word:- councilor.

26 SECTION 10. Said subsection (c) of said section 2-6 of said charter is hereby further  
27 amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
28 person.

29 SECTION 11. Subsection (a) of section 2-8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
30 out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
31 following words:- the city auditor’s.

32 SECTION 12. Said subsection (a) of section 2-8 of said charter is hereby further  
33 amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
34 city auditor.

35 SECTION 13. Section 2-11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
36 “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the officer’s or member’s.

37 SECTION 14. Subsection (b) of section 2-12 of said charter is hereby amended by  
38 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

39 SECTION 15. Section 3-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
40 “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The mayor.

41 SECTION 16. Said section 3-1 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
42 the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
43 following words:- the mayor’s.

44 SECTION 17. Section 3-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
45 “him”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
46 words:- the mayor.

47 SECTION 18. Said section 3-2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
48 the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
49 following words:- the mayor’s.

50 SECTION 19. Said section 3-2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
51 the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

52 SECTION 20. Section 3-4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
53 “his”, the first time it appears.

54 SECTION 21. Said section 3-4 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
55 the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

56 SECTION 22. Said section 3-4 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
57 the word “his”, the second and third time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
58 instance, the following word:- the.

59 SECTION 23. Subsection (a) of section 3-5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
60 out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The mayor.

61 SECTION 24. Said subsection (a) of said section 3-5 of said charter is hereby further  
62 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
63 mayor’s.

64 SECTION 25. Subsection (b) of said section 3-5 of said charter is hereby amended by  
65 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

66 SECTION 26. Said subsection (b) of said section 3-5 of said charter is hereby further  
67 amended by striking out the word “councilman” and inserting in place thereof the following  
68 word:- councilor.

69 SECTION 27. Section 3-6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
70 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words;-  
71 the mayor’s.

72 SECTION 28. Said section 3-6 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
73 the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
74 words:- the mayor.

75 SECTION 29. Said section 3-6 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
76 the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

77 SECTION 30. Subsection (a) of section 3-7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
78 out the word “his”, the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
79 the mayor’s.

80 SECTION 31. Said subsection (a) of said section 3-7 of said charter is hereby further  
81 amended by striking out the word “his”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof  
82 the following words:- the president’s.

83 SECTION 32. Subsection (b) of said section 3-7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
84 striking out the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
85 the following words:- the acting mayor.

86 SECTION 33. Said subsection (b) of said section 3-7 of said charter is hereby further  
87 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
88 acting mayor’s.

89 SECTION 34. Subsection (c) of said section 3-7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
90 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the acting mayor.

91 SECTION 35. Subsection (a) of section 3-8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
92 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

93 SECTION 36. Subsection (b) of said section 3-8 of said charter is hereby amended by  
94 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

95 SECTION 37. Said subsection (b) of said section 3-8 of said charter is hereby further  
96 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
97 member’s.

98 SECTION 38. Subsection (c) of said section 3-8 of said charter is hereby amended by  
99 striking out the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
100 the following words:- the mayor.

101 SECTION 39. Subsection (a) of section 4-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
102 out the word “committeemen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
103 instance, the following words:- committee members.

104 SECTION 40. Said subsection (a) of said section 4-1 of said charter is hereby further  
105 amended by striking out the word “committeeman” and inserting in place thereof the following  
106 words:- committee member.

107 SECTION 41. Subsection (b) of said section 4-1 of said charter is hereby amended by  
108 striking out the word “committeeman” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
109 committee member.

110 SECTION 42. Subsection (c) of said section 4-1 of said charter is hereby amended by  
111 striking out the word “committeemen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
112 committee members.

113 SECTION 43. Section 4-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
114 “committeemen-elect” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- committee members-  
115 elect.

116 SECTION 44. Said section 4-2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
117 the word “chairman”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
118 following word:- chair.

119 SECTION 45. Said section 4-2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
120 the word “vice-chairman”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
121 the following word:- vice-chair.

122 SECTION 46. Section 4-4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
123 “committeeman” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- committee member.

124 SECTION 47. Section 4-5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
125 “committeeman”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
126 following words:- committee member.

127 SECTION 48. Said section 4-5 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
128 the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the person.

129 SECTION 49. Subsection (c) of section 4-6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
130 out the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- chair.



131 SECTION 50. Section 4-8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
132 “committeemen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- committee members.

133 SECTION 51. Subsection (b) of section 5-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
134 out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the city clerk’s.

135 SECTION 52. Subsection (b) of section 5-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
136 out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the city treasurer’s.

137 SECTION 53. Subsection (b) of section 5-3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
138 out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the city collector’s.

139 SECTION 54. Subsection (c) of said section 5-3 of said charter is hereby amended by  
140 striking out the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the city  
141 collector.

142 SECTION 55. Said subsection (c) of said section 5-3 of said charter is hereby further  
143 amended by striking out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The  
144 city collector.

145 SECTION 56. Section 5-5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
146 “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the person.

147 SECTION 57. Section 7-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
148 “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

149 SECTION 58. Subsection (a) of section 7-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
150 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the mayor.

151 SECTION 59. Subsection (a) of section 9-3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
152 out the word “councilman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilor.

153 SECTION 60. Said subsection (a) of said section 9-3 of said charter is hereby further  
154 amended by striking out the word “committeeman” and inserting in place thereof the following  
155 words:- committee member.

156 SECTION 61. Subsection (b) of said section 9-3 of said charter is hereby amended by  
157 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the candidate.

158 SECTION 62. Said subsection (b) of said section 9-3 of said charter is hereby further  
159 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- that  
160 candidate’s.

161 SECTION 63. Subsection (d) of said section 9-3 of said charter is hereby amended by  
162 striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- that person’s.

163 SECTION 64. Subsection (f) of said section 9-3 of said charter is hereby amended by  
164 striking out the words “his or her”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
165 instance, the following words:- that candidate’s.

166 SECTION 65. Subsection (a) of section 9-4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
167 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the candidate.

168 SECTION 66. Said subsection (a) of said section 9-4 of said charter is hereby further  
169 amended by striking out the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- that  
170 candidate’s.

171 SECTION 67. Subsection (b) of section 10-2 of said charter is hereby amended by  
172 striking out the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
173 the following words:- the city solicitor’s.

174 SECTION 68. Said subsection (b) of said section 10-2 of said charter is hereby further  
175 amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
176 city solicitor.

177 SECTION 69. Subsection (a) of section 11-6 of said charter is hereby amended by  
178 striking out the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- chair.

179 SECTION 70. Section 11-10 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
180 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-  
181 the person’s.

182 SECTION 71. Said section 11-10 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking  
183 out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- the person.

184 SECTION 72. Said section 11-10 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking  
185 out the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the person.

186 SECTION 73. Section 12-3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
187 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-  
188 their.

189 SECTION 74. Subsection (b) of section 12-7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
190 striking out the word “his”, the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following  
191 words:- the mayor’s.

192 SECTION 75. Said subsection (b) of said section 12-7 of said charter is hereby further  
193 amended by striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
194 mayor.

195 SECTION 76. Said subsection (b) of said section 12-7 of said charter is hereby further  
196 amended by striking out the word “his”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof  
197 the following words:- that member’s.

198 SECTION 77. This act shall take effect upon its passage.