

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4995**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III***

*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 town of Williamstown Home Rule Charter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>6/28/2022</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4995) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Williamstown. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to amend the town of Williamstown 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. Section 11 of the charter of the town of Williamstown, which is on file in  
2 the office of the Archivist of the Commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of Chapter 43B of the  
3 general laws, is hereby amended by striking the third sentence of said section which reads, “He  
4 need not be a resident of the Town or of the Commonwealth when appointed, and shall not,  
5 during the 12 months prior to his appointment, have held any elective or appointive office in the  
6 Town of Williamstown, other than the office of Assistant Town Manager, if any.”.

7           SECTION 2. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking the fourth sentence  
8 of said section which reads, “The Town Manager shall be a resident of the town during the term  
9 of his office.” And inserting in place thereof, “The Town Manager need not be a resident of the  
10 town during the term of his/her office.”.

11           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.