

HOUSE No. 5242

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Anne M. Gobi

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 establishing the position of the treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>7/1/2022</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/1/2022</i>

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5242) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to establishing the position of the treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act establishing the position of the treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick.

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. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, there shall be a treasurer-collector for
3 the town of Hardwick. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and
4 be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town
5 treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer- collector shall be appointed and may be
6 removed, after the opportunity for a hearing, by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of
7 selectmen may establish an employment agreement with the treasurer- collector for salary, fringe
8 benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay,
9 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability
10 insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance
11 standards and leave.

12 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the appointed offices of town treasurer
13 and town collector shall be abolished and the terms of the incumbents of such offices terminated.

14 SECTION 3. The appointed treasurer-collector shall, in all respects, be the lawful
15 successor of the offices so abolished or consolidated. All records, property and equipment of the
16 offices of the appointed town treasurer and appointed town collector shall be assigned to the
17 office of the appointed treasurer-collector.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.