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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 charter of the town of North Andover.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*
Christina A. Minicucci	*14th Essex*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2497) of Bruce E. Tarr, Diana DiZoglio, Christina A. Minicucci and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of the town of North Andover. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local approval received]

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

An Act to amend the town charter of the town of North Andover.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the charter of the town of North Andover, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in section 11 the title and inserting in place thereof the following:-

Section 11. North Andover Commission on Ability Assistance

SECTION 2. Subsection 1 of section 11 of chapter 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following:-

7-11-1. A commission on disability issues of an indefinite, but odd, number shall be appointed by the Select Board for three overlapping terms.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of Chapter 9 of the charter of the town of North Andover, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out the title for section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following title:-

Section 6. Notice of public hearing on proposed budget and capital improvements plan and publication of Finance Committee report

SECTION 4. Subsection 1 of section 6 of chapter 9 of said charter of the town of North Andover is hereby amended by striking out in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

9-6-1. The Finance Committee shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed budget and capital improvements plan and shall issue printed recommendations, if the recommendations are available and detailed explanations on all financial articles, including the operating budget and the capital improvements plan in an annual Finance Committee report. This report shall be made available to all residents of the Town at least 21 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting, at Town Hall, at the Stevens Memorial Library, the senior center, the police station, on the Town of North Andover website, and, by request, by e-mail and United States mail. Copies of the annual Finance Committee report shall also be made available at the Annual Town Meeting. In preparing its recommendations, the Committee may require the Town Manager, any Town division, department, office, board, commission or committee to furnish it with appropriate financial reports and budgetary information.