

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2561**

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**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 amending the 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the charter of the town of North Andover, 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 out section 11 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section:-

5           Section 11. North Andover Commission on Ability Assistance

6           7-11-1. A commission on disability issues of an indefinite, but odd, number shall be  
7 appointed by the select board for 3-year overlapping terms.

8           SECTION 2. Chapter 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the section 6  
9 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

10           Section 6. Notice of public hearing on proposed budget and capital improvements plan  
11 and publication of the finance committee report

12           9-6-1. The finance committee shall conduct at least 1 public hearing on the proposed  
13 budget and capital improvements plan and shall issue printed recommendations, if the  
14 recommendations are available, and detailed explanations on all financial articles, including the  
15 operating budget and the capital improvements plan, in an annual finance committee report. The  
16 report shall be made available to all residents of the town, not less than 21 days prior to the  
17 annual town meeting, at the town hall, the Stevens Memorial Library, the senior center and the  
18 police station, on the town's website and, upon request, by e-mail and United States mail. Copies  
19 of the annual finance committee report shall also be made available at the annual town meeting.  
20 In preparing its recommendations, the committee may require the town manager or any town  
21 division, department, office, board, commission or committee to furnish it with appropriate  
22 financial reports and budgetary information.