

HOUSE No. 3889

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost

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 granting appointing authority of the Oxford police department to the town manager in Oxford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>

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By Representatives McKenna of Webster and Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3889) of Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize appointing authority of the Oxford police department to the town manager in the town of Oxford. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act granting appointing authority of the Oxford police department to the town manager in Oxford.

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 3-3-1 of the charter of the town of Oxford, which is on file in the
2 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 the words “and (e) the Chief of Police and
4 other police officers”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 5-3-9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words
6 “and (h)” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - “(h) the police chief and, upon the
7 recommendation of the police chief, all other sworn members of the police department; and (i)”.

8 SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 6 of said charter is hereby amended by adding the
9 following section: - 6-3-2: “There shall be a police department under the supervision of an office
10 to be known as the chief of police. The chief of police shall have the authority, duties and
11 responsibilities set forth in section 97A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws; provided, however,

12 that the provisions of said section 97A of said chapter 41 requiring and authorizing the board of
13 selectmen to appoint and remove the chief of police and other officers, to fix their compensation,
14 and to approve regulations governing the police department shall not apply.”

15 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 97 of
16 chapter 41 of the General Laws shall no longer apply in the town of Oxford.

17 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.