

HOUSE No. 4684

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David K. Muradian, Jr. and Michael O. Moore

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 relative to the charter and the town clerk in town of Grafton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>5/17/2024</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>5/17/2024</i>

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By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4684) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Grafton. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the charter and the town clerk in town of Grafton.

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 3-1 of article 3 of the charter of the town of Grafton, which is on
2 file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B
3 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place
4 thereof the following subsection:-

5 (a) Elective offices- The Town offices to be filled by ballot of the whole town shall
6 be a Select Board, a School Committee, a Board of Library Trustees, a Town Moderator
7 and Planning Board. In addition, members of a Housing Authority, and such members of
8 regional authorities or districts as may be established by statue, inter-local agreement or
9 otherwise shall also be elected at Town election.

10 SECTION 2. Section 3-5 of said article 3 of said charter, is hereby repealed.

11 SECTION 3 . Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of
12 town clerk in the town of Grafton shall be appointed by the town administrator in accordance
13 with the charter of the town of Grafton. The town clerk shall have all the powers, perform the
14 duties and be subject to liabilities and penalties conferred and imposed by law on town clerks.
15 The town administrator may establish an employment contract with the town clerk for salary,
16 fringe benefits and other conditions of employment including, but not limited to, severance pay,
17 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability
18 insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance
19 standards and leave.

20 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding section 3, the position of elected town clerk in the town of
21 Grafton shall be abolished upon the effective date of this act and the term of the elected
22 incumbent terminated; provided, however, that the elected incumbent shall then become the first
23 appointed town clerk and shall serve in that capacity for a period of time equivalent to the
24 remainder of the elected term or sooner resignation, retirement or removal. Thereafter,
25 appointments to the position of town clerk shall be made by the town administrator under said
26 section 3.

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