

HOUSE No. 5062

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy

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 changing the Holyoke Treasurer position from elected to appointed.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>9/25/2024</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5062) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to change the treasurer in said city from an elected to an appointed position. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act changing the Holyoke Treasurer position from elected to appointed.

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 6 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be amended by deleting the
2 reference to “city treasurer” in the first sentence.

3 SECTION 2: Section 15 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be amended by adding the
4 following after the third full sentence:

5 “Said city council shall also in the month of January, beginning in calendar year 2026,
6 elect by ballot one treasurer who shall hold the office for the term of three (3) years beginning
7 with the first Monday in February in the year of the election and until a successor is elected and
8 qualified unless the position is sooner vacated. The qualifications for the position of treasurer
9 shall be established by ordinance. The present treasurer shall continue to hold the office until the
10 first Monday in February in the year two thousand twenty six (2026).”

11 SECTION 3: So much of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 and Chapter 327 of the Acts of
12 1936 and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto, as is inconsistent with this act, is
13 hereby repealed.

14 SECTION 4: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to
15 the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the
16 General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments
17 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

18 SECTION 5: This Act shall authorize the City of Holyoke to conduct a special municipal
19 election on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 on the question of approving a charter amendment
20 changing the elected position of city treasurer to one appointed by the City Council. Such charter
21 change and the related provisions of this Act shall take effect upon its approval by voters.