

SENATE No. 2706

Senate, March 18, 2024 -- Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Rush) to the House Bill creating the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood (House, No. 3879).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be
2 appointed offices of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood, which offices
3 may be held by the same person and which shall be appointed pursuant to the charter of the town
4 of Westwood.

5 SECTION 2. The charter of the town of Westwood, which is on file in the office of the
6 archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is
7 hereby amended by striking out section 4-6-2.

8 SECTION 3. Said charter of the town of Westwood is hereby further amended by striking
9 out section 4-7-1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

10 4-7 Moderator.

11 4-7-1.

12 A moderator shall be elected for a term of 1 year, and a town clerk shall be elected for a
13 term of 3 years. Each officer elected pursuant to this section may receive such compensation as
14 may be appropriated by the town meeting.”

15 SECTION 4. Section 8-1-1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the second
16 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The department shall include the
17 offices and functions of the town accountant, town treasurer, tax collector and board of assessors;
18 provided, however, that although the office of the board of assessors shall be part of the
19 department of municipal finance, such office shall continue to exercise its respective duties and
20 responsibilities under the General Laws, except as otherwise provided in this charter.

21 SECTION 5. Following the effective date of this act, the town administrator may appoint
22 a qualified person or persons to the offices of town treasurer and tax collector; provided, that
23 such person or persons need not be residents of the town of Westwood. Upon the effective date
24 of any such appointments, the terms of any elected incumbents shall be terminated and the
25 elected positions abolished.

26 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.