

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4243**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr***

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*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 to amend the town charter of Ipswich.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>6/26/2025</i>

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By Representative Kassner of Hamilton and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4243) of Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager residency requirement in the town of Ipswich. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act to amend the town charter of Ipswich.

*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 620 of the acts of 1966 is hereby amended by striking out section 6  
2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 6. The select board shall appoint a town manager for a term of 3 years. The town  
4 manager shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and experience to perform the  
5 duties of the office. The town manager shall be appointed without regard to the town manager’s  
6 political beliefs. The select board may reappoint an incumbent town manager for successive, 3-  
7 year terms of office, as the board may determine to be in the best interests of the town. Before  
8 entering upon the duties of the office, the town manager shall be sworn to the faithful and  
9 impartial performance thereof by the chair of the select board, the town clerk or a justice of the  
10 peace. The town manager shall execute a bond in favor of the town for the faithful performance  
11 of the town manager’s duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as may be fixed or  
12 approved by the select board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.