

HOUSE No. 4579

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis C. Gallagher

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 authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/25/2025</i>

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By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4579) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the appointment powers of the town manager of the city known as the town of Bridgewater. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 ORDERED that the Town Charter, Article IV, Section 4-3 be amended as noted below:
2 (b) Boards, Committees and Agencies. - Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the
3 town manager shall appoint all boards, committees and agencies except ad hoc committees
4 established by a 2/3 vote of the Town Council to assist the Town Council in carrying out the
5 Council's responsibilities. Members of all appointed board and committees shall be residents of
6 the town. All appointments of boards, committees and agencies, as defined with the
7 administrative code, shall be subject to the ratification of the town council. The town manager
8 shall form a citizen's advisory committee to help in evaluating and selecting those individuals for
9 appointment. The number and terms of office of the committee shall be established by ordinance.