

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5545**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Dennis C. Gallagher***

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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 establishing an amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter: Article IV, Section 4-1 Town Manager term of office.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/23/2026</i>

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By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5545) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the town Manager term of office in the charter 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)**  
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An Act establishing an amendment to Bridgewater Town Charter: Article IV, Section 4-1 Town Manager term of office.

*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 pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 89 Section 8 of the Massachusetts  
2   Constitution, that allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a  
3   Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Bridgewater Town Charter; the Town  
4   Council voted to amend said Town Charter Article IV Section 4-1 as follows:

5           Add the following language:

6           The Town Council shall appoint by a majority vote of the full Town Council, a Town  
7   Manager for a term not to exceed three (3) years, which may be renewed for additional terms of  
8   up to three (3) years each upon a majority vote of the full Town Council, subject to the  
9   procedures for appointment and removal outlined in this Article.

- 10 Said Amendment shall only become effective and it contingent upon approval by the
- 11 Town Council, the State Legislature and the voters of the Town of Bridgewater.