

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5564**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Soter***

*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 amending the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the Director of Finance to serve as the Town Accountant.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>6/23/2026</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5564) of Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the director of finance to serve as the town accountant. 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 amending the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the Director of Finance to serve as the Town Accountant.

*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. The charter of the town of Bellingham, as set forth in section 1 of chapter  
2   400 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking Article 6-2-1 in its entirety and inserting  
3   in place thereof the following :-

4           "6-2-1. The chief financial officer may also serve as the town accountant in accordance  
5   with sections 55 to 61A, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the General Laws."

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