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HOUSE . . . . . No. 804

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

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 relative to gender neutral language in elections law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/16/2025*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/25/2025*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*3/3/2025*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*3/7/2025*
Robyn K. Kennedy	*First Worcester*	*3/7/2025*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*2nd Berkshire*	*4/10/2025*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*4/10/2025*
Michelle L. Badger	*1st Plymouth*	*4/24/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*5/20/2025*
Amy Mah Sangiolo	*11th Middlesex*	*7/1/2025*

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 804) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to gender-neutral language in elections laws. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *660* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to gender neutral language in elections law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 3. Section 3 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 4. Section 6 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 40, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 44, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 6. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “he or she is” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 7. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “his or her” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 8. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the candidate.

SECTION 9. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 73, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 10. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 74, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 11. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 75, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 12. Section 8 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 13. Section 8 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 14. Section 8 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “he represents” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they represent.

SECTION 15. Section 8 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the word “chairmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairpersons.

SECTION 16. Section 8 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 26, the word “alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following word. - alderperson.

SECTION 17. Section 9 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the secretary.

SECTION 18. Section 9A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 19. Section 9A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the words "he intends" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they intend.

SECTION 20. Section 9A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 21. Section 13 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 22. Section 13 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 23. Section 13 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 24. Section 13 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 25. Section 14 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 26. Section 14 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 30, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 27. Section 14 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 28. Section 15 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 29. Section 15 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 30. Section 17 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the secretary.

SECTION 31. Section 17 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - The state secretary.

SECTION 32. Section 17 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 33. Section 17A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 34. Section 17A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 35. Section 17A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 36. Section 17A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 28, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 37. Section 17A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 29, the words “he was” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they were.

SECTION 38. Section 18A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “selectmen,” in line 5, the words: - or select board.

SECTION 39. Section 18A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “selectmen,” in line 10, the words: - or select board.

SECTION 40. Section 18B of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “selectmen,” in line 5, the words: - or select board.

SECTION 41. Section 28 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “selectmen,” in line 31, the words: - or select board.

SECTION 42. Section 29 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 43. Section 29 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 44. Section 31 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 45. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 46. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 48, the words “he was” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they were.

SECTION 47. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 53, the words “he holds or has held” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they hold or have held.

SECTION 48. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 54, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 49. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 55, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 50. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 55, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 51. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 56, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 52. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 57, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 53. Section 34A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - the secretary.

SECTION 54. Section 34A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 55. Section 34A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “he desires” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they desire.

SECTION 56. Section 35 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "he intends" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they intend.

SECTION 57. Section 35 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words "he intends" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they intend.

SECTION 58. Section 35 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “he votes” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they vote.

SECTION 59. Section 35 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 60. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 61. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 62. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 63. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 64. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 18, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 65. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 66. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - the officer.

SECTION 67. Section 37 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 41, the words “his enrolment” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - their enrollment.

SECTION 68. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 69. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 70. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he desires” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they desire.

SECTION 71. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 72. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 73. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 74. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 75. Section 37A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 17, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words - they.

SECTION 76. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 77. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 78. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 79. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the word “enrolment” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - enrollment.

SECTION 80. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 81. Section 38 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 33, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 82. Section 40 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he receives” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they receive.

SECTION 83. Section 40 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 84. Section 42 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 85. Section 43 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “aldermen” in line 2, the word: - , alderpersons.

SECTION 86. Section 44 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 87. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 88. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 89. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 90. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words “he holds or has” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they hold or have.

SECTION 91. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 92. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 93. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 94. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 95. Section 45 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 96. Section 46 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 41, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 97. Section 48 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the words “he has” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they have.

SECTION 98. Section 48 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, “he seeks” and replace with “they seek”

SECTION 99. Section 48 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 37, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 100. Section 49 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 101. Section 53A of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 102. Section 58 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 103. Section 59 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 104. Section 61 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 105. Section 61 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 37, the words “he seeks” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they seek.

SECTION 106. Section 62 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 107. Section 62 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 108. Section 62 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 109. Section 70C of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 110. Section 70D of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 111. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he shall” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 112. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 113. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “he does” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they do.

SECTION 114. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 115. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 116. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 117. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 26 and 27, the words “he does” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they do.

SECTION 118. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 27, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 119. Section 70E of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 42, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 120. Section 70F of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word “chairmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairpersons.

SECTION 121. Section 70F of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word “chairmen” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairpersons.

SECTION 122. Section 73 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 123. Section 73 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 124. Section 74 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 125. Section 76 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 126. Section 76 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 127. Section 76 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “he takes” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they take.

SECTION 128. Section 76 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 129. Section 76 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 25, the words “he has” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they have.

SECTION 130. Section 77 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he presents” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they present.

SECTION 131. Section 79 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 132. Section 82 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 133. Section 82 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 134. Section 82 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 135. Section 82 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 136. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 137. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 138. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 139. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 140. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 141. Section 83 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 17, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 142. Section 86 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 143. Section 87 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 144. Section 87 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 145. Section 87 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 146. Section 93 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 147. Section 93 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “aldermen or to the selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen or alderpersons or to the selectmen or select board.

SECTION 148. Section 93 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “aldermen or selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - aldermen, alderpersons, selectmen or select board.

SECTION 149. Section 95 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 150. Section 96 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 151. Section 97 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 152. Section 97 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 153. Section 97 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 154. Section 99 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 155. Section 99 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 156. Section 100 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 157. Section 100 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 158. Section 101 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 159. Section 101 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 160. Section 101 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “himself” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - themself.

SECTION 161. Section 101 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 162. Section 101 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 163. Section 105 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 164. Section 106 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 165. Section 109 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “he takes” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they take.

SECTION 166. Section 109 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "him" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - them.

SECTION 167. Section 109 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “in his” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - on their.

SECTION 168. Section 109 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 169. Section 110 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - They.

SECTION 170. Section 110 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 23, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 171. Section 113 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the words "he is" and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they are.

SECTION 172. Section 113 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 173. Section 113 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - They.

SECTION 174. Section 118 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 175. Section 118 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 176. Section 118 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 177. Section 118 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 178. Section 119 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 179. Section 121 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “selectmen,” in line 7, the words: - or select board.

SECTION 180. Section 121 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word "chairman" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - chairperson.

SECTION 181. Section 121 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 30, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 182. Section 121 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 36, the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 183. Section 122 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “he resides” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - they reside.

SECTION 184. Section 122 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the following word: - their.

SECTION 185. Section 122 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “he shall” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they.

SECTION 186. Section 122 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “he resides” and inserting in place thereof the following word: - they reside.