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SENATE . . . . . No. 3306

Senate, November 23, 2026 -- Substituted as a new draft (Senator Tarr) for the Senate Bill to amend the town charter of Ipswich (Senate, No. 3147).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing an elected electric light commission in the town 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:

SECTION 1. The charter of the town of Ipswich, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 3. The select board shall appoint and may remove election officers, registrars of voters, except the town clerk, trust fund commissioners, a town accountant, zoning board of appeals and the town manager. The treasurer and collector shall be appointed by the select board as provided in chapter 251 of the acts of 1963, which was accepted by the town of Ipswich in March 1964 and which shall not be affected by this act in any way. The town accountant and the treasurer and collector shall, in their performance of their duties, be subject to the general supervision and direction of the town manager.

SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 5. In addition to the select board, the registered voters of the town shall elect a moderator, a constable, an electric light commission of 5 members, a school committee of 7 members and a housing authority of 5 members, each to be elected in accordance with the practices in effect for the election of such officials prior to the acceptance of this act. Any of said officials holding office at the time of the acceptance of this act shall serve out the official's elected term.

SECTION 3. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 20 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 20. In addition to the above mentioned boards, committees or officers, the town manager may establish and appoint the members of such advisory boards or committees as the town manager deems necessary. Such boards or committees may include, but shall not be limited to, a water-sewer advisory board, mosquito control committee, traffic safety committee, building code committee, public safety advisory committee and personnel advisory board.

SECTION 4. Said the charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 22. The electric light department in existence at the time of acceptance of this act shall continue in force and effect. Said department shall be under the direct supervision of an officer to be known as the electric light manager, who shall be appointed by and responsible to the electric light commissioners.

SECTION 5. The select board of the town of Ipswich shall continue to act as the electric light commissioners, with the advice of the electric subcommittee, until the next annual town

election following the passage of this act at which election 5 commissioners shall be elected to terms as specified in section 55 of chapter 164 of the General Laws.