

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary**

Bill #: H.2270

Title: An Act authorizing the town of Avon to appoint a town clerk

Sponsor: Rep. William Galvin, Sen. Michael Brady

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: 5/13/25

Current Law: Chapter 41 of MGL deals with officers and employees of cities, towns, and districts.

- Section 1 requires a town to elect a town clerk for the term of one or more years except when another provision is made by law or by a charter of the town.
- Section 1B outlines the process by which an elected office may become an appointed office if approved by town meeting and the acceptance of a ballot question by the voters of the town.

Section 3-4(a) of the Avon Town Charter provides for the town clerk to be elected for a term of three years.

Summary: Section 1 changes the position of town clerk in the town of Avon from an elected position to an appointed position. Upon the expiration of the elected term, the elected position would be abolished, however the incumbent town clerk would become the first appointed clerk. If the incumbent clerk leaves office before the end of the elected term, then the elected position would be abolished and the office filled in accordance with procedures outlined in the town charter.

Section 2 amends the town charter in Section 3-4(a) by replacing it with new language providing for the appointment of a town clerk by the Select Board to serve a three-year term of office.

Section 3 states that this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Notes: The language in this legislation was approved as Article 4 at the October 8, 2024 Special Town Meeting by a majority vote.