

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.3911

Title: An Act revising the charter of the town of Millis, as amended

Sponsor: Rep. James Arena-DeRosa and Rep. Marc Vaughn

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: 5/13/25

Current Law: The Millis town charter was adopted May 2, 1977.

The charter was last amended by special legislation through passage of Chapter 146 of the Acts of 2010, which established an appointed board of assessors for the town of Millis.

Section III Subsection 5 of the charter outlines the position of town administrator and lists the powers and duties of this position.

Summary: Section 1 amends Section III Subsection 5, which concerns the position town administrator, by adding new subsection (k). This new language grants the town administrator the power to approve all payroll and expense warrants for payment of town funds. This approval shall serve as sufficient authority to authorize payment of the same by the town treasurer. If the town administrator is absent, then the select board shall approve such warrants. If a vacancy exists in the office of town administrator, the select board shall approve such warrants, or may delegate such responsibility to a temporary town administrator.

Section 2 states that this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Section 3 allows for the General Court to reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; provided, however that any such changes or alterations to the text of this legislation shall only occur following consultation with, and approval by the Select Board.

Notes: This legislation was approved as Article 18 at the Spring Town Meeting, May 7, 2024 and carried by majority voice vote.