

**Massachusetts House of Representatives  
Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.4211

**Title:** An Act changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden

**Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly Ferguson

**Committee:** Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:** July 22, 2025

**Current Law:**

The first sentence of Section 4 of the Holden Town Charter states that the annual town election shall elect a moderator, selectmen, district school committee, and trustees of the Damon Memorial. It also states that the moderator shall appoint the finance committee and board of appeals.

**Summary:**

Section 1 amends the Holden Town Charter by eliminating the first sentence of Section 4 and inserting language that maintains the town election's responsibility to elect selectmen, district school committee members, and trustees of the Damon Memorial, but increases the term length of the town moderator to three years. The moderator also retains their ability to appoint the finance committee and board of appeals.

Section 2 states that the incumbent Holden Town Moderator, upon the effective date of this act, shall serve the remainder of their elected time unless otherwise removed through resignation, retirement, or removal.

Section 3 states that this act shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**Notes:**

Approved as Article 34 at the May 19, 2025 Annual Town Meeting.by majority vote.