

## **Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.4243

**Title:** An Act to amend the town charter of Ipswich

**Sponsor:** Rep. Kristin Kassner and Sen. Bruce Tarr

**Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:** July 22, 2025

**Current Law:** Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966 established a selectmen-town manager form of government for the town of Ipswich. Section 6 authorized the board of selectmen to appoint a town manager to serve three year terms. The incumbent may be reappointed. The special act requires the town manager to be a resident of the town while they serve in the position.

The special act was amended to allow the town manager a 12-month grace period before they had to establish residency in Ipswich.

**Summary:** Section 1 of the bill authorizes the select board to appoint a town manager as provided for in the 1966 act, however it eliminates the residency requirement.

Section 2 provides for the act to take effect immediately.

**Notes:** This home rule petition was approved as Article 3 at the June 16, 2025 Special Town Meeting by a vote of 506 Yes to 135 No.