

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4383

Title: An Act relative to the town charter of the town of Plainville

Sponsor: Rep. Marcus Vaughn

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: September 23 – September 30, 2025 written testimony hearing

Current Law: Section C-3-2 (a) of the Plainville town charter prohibits members of the select board from serving as a town employee at the same time.

Subparagraph (b) states that members of the select board shall be ineligible to serve on multiple-member bodies established by this charter or by by-law to which the select board is the appointing authority, except where such appointment contemplates that the board member will represent the select board on such multiple-member body.

Summary: The bill has the effect of authorizing the town to amend their charter to make the following changes to the section regulating select board members:

1. It adds a prohibition against members serving in any other elected position established by the charter or bylaw, and prohibits members from serving on multi-member bodies where the select board is the appointing authority, except in situations where the member is representing the select board; and
2. Deletes the second paragraph of sub-paragraph (b), since the language has been moved to sub-paragraph (a).

Notes: Local approval: May 19, 2025 Annual Town Meeting; Article 27 declared passed unanimously.