

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

**Bill #:** H.4386

**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-6-3 of the Plainville town charter, which governs the annual budget process, currently requires the select board to issue a policy statement establishing general guidelines for the next town budget.

**Summary:** The bill would amend the town charter in section C-6-3 by providing for the select board, in collaboration with the town administrator, finance director and finance committee chair, to issue a written directive to all department heads highlighting the principles and priorities to guide them in the preparation of budget requests for the next fiscal year.

**Notes:** Local approval: May 19, 2025 Annual Town Meeting; Article 30 declared passed by a two-thirds majority vote.