Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4503

Title: An Act amending the charter of the town of Hudson

Sponsor: Rep. Kate Hogan

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

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

Current Law: The current town charter was adopted in 1978 and amended in 1979 and

2021. It references the "executive assistant" who is appointed by the select

board and serves as the administrative officer of the town.

Summary: This special legislation would replace the title of executive assistant with that

of town manager, to more accurately reflect the nature of the position and the incumbent's role and level of responsibility within town government.

The bill strikes out the words "executive assistant" and replaces them with

the words "town manager" in each of 34 instances where they appear in the

town charter.

There is also a provision in Section 35 of the bill to have the act take effect

immediately upon its passage.

Notes: Home rule petition approved as Article 22 at the May 5, 2025 Annual Town

Meeting by a unanimous vote.