

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4578

Title: An Act authorizing Bridgewater town charter amendment for gender neutral language

Sponsor: Rep. Dennis Gallagher

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: October 14 – October 21, 2025 (written testimony only)

Current Law: Section 2-2 of the Bridgewater Town Charter deals with the role of the town council president.

Section 2-12 covers various prohibitions and term limits for town councilors.

Section 6-1 requires the town council president to convene a meeting to discuss the budget prior to enactment.

Summary: H.4578 changes several instances of gendered language (his, him, etc.) to be gender neutral.

Notes: Unanimously approved as D-FY25-006 by the Bridgewater Town Council during meeting dated January 21, 2025.