

## **Massachusetts House of Representatives**

### **Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.4579

**Title:** An Act authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment

**Sponsor:** Rep. Dennis Gallagher

**Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government

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

**Current Law:** Section 4-3 of the Bridgewater Town Charter details how boards, commissions, and agencies should be filled and what parameters appointments must abide by. Currently the Town Manager is authorized to appoint all town boards, committees and agencies.

**Summary:** This bill amends the Bridgewater Town Charter by exempting the Town Manager from filling positions on ad hoc committees that have been established by a two-thirds vote of the Town Council.

The Town Manager would retain the authority to appoint other types of boards, committees and agencies as provided for in the charter.

**Notes:** Unanimously approved by the Town Council as Ordinance D-FY25-016 during meeting dated July 15, 2025.