

HOUSE No. 4433

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the charter of the town of West Springfield to establish a four-year term for the office of Mayor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Finn

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Hampden

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4433) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to establish four year terms for the office of the mayor. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act amending the charter of the town of West Springfield to establish a four-year term for the office of Mayor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: The charter of the town of West Springfield shall hereby be amended to
2 establish a four-year term for mayor be deleting in its entirety the text of section 3.1(b) of said
3 charter and inserting in place thereof the following:- The term of office of the mayor shall be
4 four years beginning on the first business day of January following the biennial town election at
5 which chosen and until a successor is qualified.

6 SECTION 2: Said charter shall be further amended by deleting, in section 3-9(a), the
7 words "fifteen months" and inserting in place thereof the following :- 39 months.

8 SECTION 3: This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the
9 town of West Springfield at a special election to be held on a date set by the West Springfield
10 Town Council, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, in the form of the following
11 question:

12 "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2016 entitled, 'An Act Amending
13 the Charter of the Town of West Springfield to Establish a Four-Year Term for the Office of
14 Mayor' be accepted?"

15 There shall appear below said question a fair and concise summary of the law prepared
16 by the town attorney. If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative,
17 the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect forthwith and the office of mayor
18 shall appear on the ballot for a four-year term at the next regular municipal election occurring no
19 less than 60 days following said special election, but not otherwise.

20 SECTION 4: This act shall take effect upon its passage.