

HOUSE No. 4748

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy

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 establishing an appointed treasurer for the city of Holyoke.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>6/6/2024</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4748) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish the position of appointed treasurer for said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing an appointed treasurer for the city of Holyoke.

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: Section 6 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be amended by deleting any
2 and all references to “city treasurer”.

3 SECTION 2: Section 15 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be amended by adding the
4 following after the third full sentence:

5 “Said city council shall also in the month of January, beginning in calendar year 2026,
6 elect by ballot one treasurer who shall hold the office for the term of three (3) years beginning
7 with the first Monday in February in the year of the election and until a successor is elected and
8 qualified unless the position is sooner vacated. The qualifications for the position of treasurer
9 shall be established by ordinance. The present treasurer shall continue to hold office until the
10 first Monday in February in the year two thousand twenty six (2026).”

11 SECTION 3: So much of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 and Chapter 327 of the Acts of
12 1936 and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto, as are inconsistent with this act, are
13 hereby repealed.

14 SECTION 4: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to
15 the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the
16 General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments
17 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

18 SECTION 5: This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the city
19 of Holyoke by the city clerk placing the following question on the official ballot to be used in the
20 city of Holyoke at the regular general election to be held on November 5, 2024:

21 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2024 entitled “An Act
22 Establishing an Appointed Treasurer for the City of Holyoke” be accepted ?”

23 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall
24 take effect forthwith but not otherwise.

25 SECTION 6. The city solicitor shall prepare a fair, concise summary and purpose of the
26 law to appear with the question no later than 60 days before the election in accordance with
27 section 58A of chapter 54 of the General Laws.

28 SECTION 7. The provisions of this act solely related to authorizing a November 5, 2024
29 ballot question shall take effect upon passage.