

HOUSE No. 5140

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 Walpole.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/20/2022</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/20/2022</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>7/21/2022</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/21/2022</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/21/2022</i>

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By Mr. Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5140) of Edward R. Philips and others (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Walpole. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act amending the charter of the town of Walpole.

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 2 of article II of the charter of the town of Walpole, as on file with
2 the archivist of the commonwealth in accord with section 12 of chapter 43B of the General
3 Laws, is hereby amended by deleting the following text: Personnel Board,

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (C) of section 8 of said article II of said charter is hereby
5 amended by deleting the following text, “Finance Committee, Capital Budget Committee and
6 Personnel Board”, and inserting in place thereof the following:- Finance Committee and Capital
7 Budget Committee”.

8 SECTION 3. Section 2 of article V of said charter is hereby amended by deleting the
9 first paragraph thereof and inserting in its place the following:- The Select Board shall establish
10 job descriptions for all departments in the Town of Walpole, except the School Department. The
11 Personnel Plan, as prepared by the Select Board, shall also be kept on file in the office of the
12 Town Clerk.

13 SECTION 4. Section 8 of Article VII of said charter is hereby amended by deleting the
14 last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:- The Select Board shall establish job
15 classifications for the positions of Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Departments.

16 SECTION 5. As of the effective date of this act, the terms of any members of the
17 personnel board shall terminate and the personnel board abolished. Any documents, data, or
18 other property of the personnel board shall be transferred by operation of law to the select board.

19 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.