

SENATE No. 1367

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 further providing for the leadership and governance of the town of Agawam.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1367) of John C. Velis (by vote of the town) for legislation to further provide for the leadership and governance of the town of Agawam. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act further providing for the leadership and governance of the town of Agawam.

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. Notwithstanding chapter 42 of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law to the contrary, the town board of registrars shall place upon the ballot for the regular
3 town election in 2021 in the Town of Agawam the following question:

4 “Shall the term of office of the mayor of the town of Agawam be 4 years?”

5 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question are in the affirmative, the term of
6 office of the mayor of the Town of Agawam shall be 4 years and shall continue until the election
7 and qualification of their successor, beginning with the 2021 regular town election.

8 SECTION 2. If a majority of the votes in answer to the question in Section 1 are in the
9 affirmative, the following changes shall be made to the Charter:

10 §3-1(b) shall read: “Term of Office – The term of the office of the mayor shall be four
11 years beginning on the first Monday of January following his or her election until his or her
12 successor is qualified.”

13 SECTION 3. The city solicitor shall prepare a fair, concise summary and purpose of the
14 law to appear with the question no later than 60 days before the election in accordance with
15 section 58A of chapter 54 of the General Laws.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.