

SENATE No. 2458

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 for the town of Walpole.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2458) of Paul R. Feeney, Paul
McMurtry, John H. Rogers, Shawn Dooley and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to
amend the charter for the town of Walpole. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local
Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act amending the charter for 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. Subsection (C) of section 2-2 of article II of the charter of the town of
2 Walpole, as established by chapter 5 of the acts of 1999, and as it has been amended from time to
3 time, and is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12
4 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of
5 selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (A) of section 2-4 of said article II of said charter is hereby
7 amended by striking out the words “board of selectman” and inserting in place thereof the
8 following words:- select board.

9 SECTION 3. Subsection (A) of section 2-5 of said article II of said charter is hereby
10 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in
11 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

12 SECTION 4. Subsection (C) of said section 2-5 of said article II of said charter is hereby
13 amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
14 words:- select board.

15 SECTION 5. Subsection (D) of said section 2-5 of said article II of said charter is hereby
16 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
17 following words:- select board.

18 SECTION 6. Subsection (B) of section 2-9 of said article II of said charter is hereby
19 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
20 following words:- select board.

21 SECTION 7. Subsection (C) of said section 2-9 of said article II of said charter is hereby
22 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
23 following words:- select board.

24 SECTION 8. Subsection (E) (2) of said section 2-9 of said article II of said charter is
25 hereby amended by striking out the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following
26 word:- chair.

27 SECTION 9. Subsection (C) of section 2-10 of said article II of said charter is hereby
28 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
29 following word:- select board.

30 SECTION 10. Subsection (B) of section 2-11 of said article II of said charter is hereby
31 amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
32 word:- select board.

33 SECTION 11. Subsection (C) of section 2-11 of said article II of said charter is hereby
34 amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
35 word:- select board.

36 SECTION 12. Section 2-12 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking
37 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
38 board.

39 SECTION 13. Subsection (D) of said section 2-13 of said article II of said charter is
40 hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in
41 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

42 SECTION 14. Subsection (A) of section 3-1 of article III of said charter is hereby
43 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
44 following words:- select board.

45 SECTION 15. Section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is hereby amended by striking
46 from the heading the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
47 words:- select board.

48 SECTION 16. Subsection (A) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is
49 hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
50 following words:- select board.

51 SECTION 17. Subsection (B) (1) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is
52 hereby stricken in its entirety and in place thereof the following words shall be inserted:- (1) All
53 executive authority of the town government shall be vested in a select board. The members of

54 the select board may be referred to as board members or select board members. The select board,
55 despite the nomenclature used to describe such board, shall have all the powers and duties
56 conferred upon boards of selectmen under the constitution and general and special laws of the
57 commonwealth, as determined by the town by-laws and this charter. It shall be the responsibility
58 of the select board to provide executive policy and procedure to be carried out by the town
59 administrator. The select board shall require all offices and municipal agencies to administer and
60 enforce the laws equally among the public to protect the general welfare and the select board
61 may bring suit against any offices or municipal agency if necessary to carry out the rule of law.

62 SECTION 18. Subsections (B)(2) – (8) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said
63 charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they
64 appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

65 SECTION 19. Subsections (B) (2) – (8) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said
66 charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and
67 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

68 SECTION 20. Subsection (B) (3) of said section 3-2 of said article III of said charter is
69 hereby amended by striking out the word “deem” and inserting in place thereof the following
70 word:- deems.

71 SECTION 21. Subsection (B) (4) of section 3-5 of said article III of said charter is hereby
72 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
73 following words:- select board.

74 SECTION 22. Subsection (B) (1) of section 3-7 of said article III of said charter is hereby
75 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
76 following words:- select board.

77 SECTION 23. Subsection (A) of section 3-10 of said article III of said charter is hereby
78 amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
79 words:- select board members.

80 SECTION 24. Subsection (B) of section 3-10 of said article III of said charter is hereby
81 amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
82 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

83 SECTION 25. Section 4-1 of article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
84 the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

85 SECTION 26. Section 4-2 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking
86 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
87 instance, the following words:- select board.

88 SECTION 27. Said section 4-2 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by
89 striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
90 instance, the following words:- select board members.

91 SECTION 28. Section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking
92 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
93 instance, the following words:- select board.

94 SECTION 29. Said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by
95 striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
96 instance, the following words:- select board.

97 SECTION 30. Subsection (H) of said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is
98 hereby amended by striking out the word “board” and inserting in place thereof the following
99 words:- select boards.

100 SECTION 31. Subsection (L) of said section 4-3 of said article IV of said charter is
101 hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen’s”, each time it appears, and inserting in
102 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board’s.

103 SECTION 32. Subsection (D) of section 4-4 of said article IV of said charter is hereby
104 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
105 following words:- select board.

106 SECTION 33. Section 4-5 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking
107 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
108 instance, the following words:- select board.

109 SECTION 34. Said section 4-5 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by
110 striking out the word “board”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each
111 instance, the following words:- select board.

112 SECTION 35. Section 4-6 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by striking
113 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
114 instance, the following words:- select board.

115 SECTION 36. Said section 4-6 of said article IV of said charter is hereby amended by
116 striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
117 board.

118 SECTION 37. Subsection (B) of section 5-1 of article V of said charter is hereby
119 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in
120 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

121 SECTION 38. Said section 5-1 of said article V of said charter is hereby amended by
122 striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
123 board.

124 SECTION 39. Section 5-2 of said article V of said charter is hereby amended by striking
125 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
126 board.

127 SECTION 40. Section 6-2 of article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking out
128 the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

129 SECTION 41. Section 6-3 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking
130 out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

131 SECTION 42. Section 6-4 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking
132 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
133 board.

134 SECTION 43. Section 6-7 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking
135 out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each
136 instance, the following words:- select board.

137 SECTION 44. Section 6-8 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking
138 out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select
139 board.

140 SECTION 45. Subsection (A) of section 6-9 of said article VI of said charter is hereby
141 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
142 following words:- select board.

143 SECTION 46. Subsection (B) of said section 6-9 of said article VI of said charter is
144 hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
145 following words:- select board.

146 SECTION 47. Section 6-10 of said article VI of said charter is hereby amended by
147 striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
148 select board.

149 SECTION 48. Subsection (B) of section 7-6 of article VII of said charter is hereby
150 amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place
151 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

152 SECTION 49. Subsection (D) of section 8-8 of article VIII of said charter is hereby
153 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in
154 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 50. This act shall take effect upon its passage.