

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3545**  
**[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sheila C. Harrington and Jennifer L. Flanagan*

*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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Townsend .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

*1st Middlesex*

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Representative Harrington of Groton and Senator Flanagan, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sheila C. Harrington and Jennifer L. Flanagan (by vote of the town) relative to the terms office for certain official in the town of Townsend. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Townsend .

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

1 Sections 1. The Townsend home rule charter, which is on file in the office of the archivist  
2 of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the words “tax collector” in Section 3-1(a).

4 Section 2. Section 3-5 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out its  
5 entirety Section 3-5 and renumbering the remaining sections of Article 3 accordingly.

6 Sections 3. Section 3-2(d) of said charter is amended by inserting before the word  
7 “constables” the words: Town Collector.

8 Section 4. Section 8-6(b) of said charter is amended by striking out the text thereof and  
9 inserting in its place the following: Any elected incumbent serving at the time a Charter  
10 amendment changing the position from elected to appointed becomes effective shall continue to  
11 hold said office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said  
12 individual was elected or sooner vacating of such office; provided, however, that if such  
13 amendment is subject to approval by the voters of the town prior to taking effect, any individual  
14 elected to an office or board at the same election at which a Charter amendment changing the  
15 manner of selection for said office is considered shall hold office and perform the duties thereof  
16 only until an appointment to said office is otherwise made.

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.