

HOUSE No. 5251

Substituted, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 5192). January 6, 2021.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Ashland replacing all gendered references to Board of Selectmen with Select Board.

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. The charter of the town of Ashland, which is on file in the office of the
2 archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is
3 hereby amended by striking the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting
4 in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

5 SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking the word “selectman”
6 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board member.

7 SECTION 3. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the words “board of
8 selectmen’s” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board’s.

9 SECTION 4. Section 3-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the title and
10 inserting in place thereof the following title:- Select Board.

11 SECTION 5. Subsection (d) of section 5-6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
12 the words “to the selectmen for adoption” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- to
13 the select board for adoption.

14 SECTION 6. Subsection (c) of section 8-4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
15 the words “The selectmen shall give written notice” and inserting in place thereof the following
16 words:- The select board shall give written notice.

17 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.