

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2406**

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November 14, 2019 - New draft (Senator Tarr) to Senate Bill relative to gender neutral redraft of the town charter of Ipswich (Senate, No. 1203).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to make it gender neutral and to further regulate town operations.

*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 title of section 2 of the charter of the town of Ipswich, which is on file  
2 in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of  
3 the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

5           SECTION 2. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
6 words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

7           SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
8 word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the members of the select  
9 board.

10          SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by adding the  
11 following paragraph:-

12           The select board shall work with the finance committee, town manager and officials to  
13 ensure that there are policies and best practices in place to produce municipal operating budgets  
14 to be presented at the annual town meetings. The select board shall take a leadership role in a  
15 collaborative process among public bodies and officials, including the school committee, finance  
16 committee, planning board and town manager, to develop, recommend and implement long-term  
17 plans, priorities, capital expenditures and environmental protection policies for the town of  
18 Ipswich. The select board shall only develop town policies and regulations that are not under the  
19 lawful, designated jurisdiction or the duty of another public body or official.

20           SECTION 5. The title of section 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the  
21 word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the select board

22           SECTION 6. Said section 3 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
23 words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
24 instance, the following words:- select board.

25           SECTION 7. Section 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
26 “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
27 following words:- select board.

28           SECTION 8. Section 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
29 “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

30           SECTION 9. Said section 5 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
31 word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the official’s.

32 SECTION 10. Section 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
33 “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
34 following words:- select board.

35 SECTION 11. The first sentence of section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
36 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
37 select board.

38 SECTION 12. The second sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
39 striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the words:- select board.

40 SECTION 13. The fourth sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
41 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
42 select board.

43 SECTION 14. The fifth sentence of said section 7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
44 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
45 select board.

46 SECTION 15. Section 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
47 “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

48 SECTION 16. Said section 8 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
49 word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

50 SECTION 17. Said section 8 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
51 word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

52 SECTION 18. Section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
53 “Selectmen”, the first, second, fourth and fifth times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
54 each instance, the following words:- select board.

55 SECTION 19. The fourth sentence of said section 9 of said charter is hereby amended by  
56 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
57 select board.

58 SECTION 20. Said section 9 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
59 word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

60 SECTION 21. Said section 9 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the  
61 word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

62 SECTION 22. Section 10 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
63 “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

64 SECTION 23. Said section 10 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
65 the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

66 SECTION 24. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
67 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-  
68 the town manager’s.

69 SECTION 25. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
70 the word “he”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
71 words:- the town manager.

72 SECTION 26. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
73 the word “him”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
74 following words:- the town manager.

75 SECTION 27. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
76 the words “Board of Selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
77 instance, the following words:- select board.

78 SECTION 28. Said section 11 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
79 the word “selectmen”, the second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh times it appears, and inserting  
80 in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

81 SECTION 29. Clause (h) of said section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
82 out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town manager.

83 SECTION 30. Section 12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
84 “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-  
85 the town manager’s.

86 SECTION 31. Section 13 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “,  
87 Civil Defense Director, and Safety Director” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
88 and emergency management and civil defense director.

89 SECTION 32. Section 17 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
90 “his duties” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the duties of the office.

91 SECTION 33. The second sentence of section 18 of said charter is hereby amended by  
92 striking out the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town clerk.

93 SECTION 34. Said section 18 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
94 the word “his”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
95 following words:- the town clerk’s.

96 SECTION 35. The last sentence of said section 18 of said charter is hereby amended by  
97 striking out the word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town clerk.

98 SECTION 36. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out section 19.

99 SECTION 37. Section 20 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he”  
100 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

101 SECTION 38. The third sentence of section 21 of said charter is hereby amended by  
102 striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
103 select board.

104 SECTION 39. Said section 21 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
105 the word “he” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

106 SECTION 40. The sixth sentence of said section 21 of said charter is hereby further  
107 amended by striking out the word “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following  
108 words:- select board.

109 SECTION 41. Section 23 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
110 “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

111 SECTION 42. Section 24 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “he”  
112 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

113 SECTION 43. Said section 24 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
114 the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager.

115 SECTION 44. Said section 24 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
116 the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
117 following words:- select board.

118 SECTION 45. Section 25 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
119 “him” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the officer.

120 SECTION 46. Section 27 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
121 “Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

122 SECTION 47. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking the  
123 word “He” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The town manager.

124 SECTION 48. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
125 the word “his” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the town manager’s.

126 SECTION 49. Said section 27 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
127 the word “him” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- the town manager.

128 SECTION 50. The first paragraph of section 28 of said charter is hereby amended by  
129 striking out the word “Selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
130 instance, the following words:- select board.

131 SECTION 51. The second paragraph of said section 28 of said charter is hereby further  
132 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the  
133 following words:- select board.

134 SECTION 52. Section 32 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
135 “Selectmen”, the first, second and fourth times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
136 instance, the words:- select board.

137 SECTION 53. Said section 32 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word  
138 “his” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- the official’s.

139 SECTION 54. Section 33 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words  
140 “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
141 following words:- select board.

142 SECTION 55. Said section 33 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out  
143 the word “selectmen”, the third time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the words:- select  
144 board.