

SENATE No. 2838

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 relative to the position of treasurer collector in the town of Lakeville.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael J. Rodrigues

First Bristol and Plymouth

Norman J. Orrall

12th Bristol

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2838) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the position of treasurer collector in the town of Lakeville. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the position of treasurer collector in the town of Lakeville.

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 section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, there shall be a treasurer/collector for
3 the town of Lakeville. The treasurer/collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and
4 be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town
5 treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer/collector shall be appointed and may be
6 removed, after the opportunity for a hearing, by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of
7 selectmen may establish an employment contract, subject to annual appropriation, with the
8 treasurer/collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but
9 not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the
10 duties of office, liability insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal,
11 reappointment, performance standards and leave.

12 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the elected offices of treasurer/collector
13 shall be abolished and the term of the incumbent of such office terminated. Notwithstanding the
14 foregoing, the elected incumbent holding the offices of treasurer/collector on the effective date of
15 this act shall continue to hold such offices and perform the duties of those offices until the
16 expiration of the term for which the town treasurer/collector was elected, unless he or she sooner
17 vacates such offices or until a new treasurer/collector is appointed by the board of selectmen in
18 accordance with section 1 of this act.

19 SECTION 3. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be
20 affected by the abolition of the elected office of treasurer/collector or the creation of the
21 appointed office and the appointed treasurer/collector shall, in all respects, be the lawful
22 successor of the office so abolished. All records, property and equipment of the offices of the
23 elected treasurer/collector shall be assigned to the office of the appointed treasurer/collector.

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