

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4331**

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By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition of Christopher J. Donelan (with the approval of the mayor and town council) for legislation to make certain changes in the charter of the town of Greenfield. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GREENFIELD TOWN CHARTER.

*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. Section 4-1 of the charter of the town of Greenfield,  
2 which is on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth,  
3 as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws, is  
4 hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following paragraph:—

6 (a) Composition, Term of Office:— There shall be a School Com-  
7 mittee, which shall consist of seven (7) members. Six (6) of these  
8 members shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters of  
9 the Town at large. The Mayor shall serve, by virtue of office, as the  
10 seventh member of the School Committee with all of the same  
11 powers and duties as the members elected by the voters as School  
12 Committee members.

1 SECTION 2. Said SECTION 4-1 of said charter is hereby further  
2 amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following paragraph:—

4 (b) Term of Office:— The term of office for the Six (6) persons  
5 elected by the voters as School Committee members shall be for  
6 three (3) years each, with staggered terms, beginning on the first  
7 business day of July after the Annual Town Election, and until their  
8 successors have been qualified. (Transitional elections will provide  
9 for one member of the School Committee to be elected for a three  
10 year term in the 2008 election, for two members of the School Com-  
11 mittee to be elected for a three year term and for one member of the

12 School Committee to be elected for a two year term in the 2009 elec-  
13 tion, for two members of the School Committee to be elected for a  
14 three year term in the 2010 election, and for two members of the  
15 School Committee to be elected for three year terms at each election  
16 thereafter.)

1 SECTION 3. Section 6-3 of said charter is hereby amended by  
2 striking out paragraphs (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following paragraphs:—

4 (a) Establishment, Scope:— There shall be a Department of  
5 Municipal Finance responsible for the performance of all of the  
6 fiscal and financial activities of the Town. The Director of Municipal  
7 Finance shall assume all of the duties and responsibilities related to  
8 municipal finance activities which prior to the adoption of the Home  
9 Rule Charter were performed by or under the authority of the Town  
10 Accountant, the Town Treasurer, the Town Collector, and the Board  
11 of Assessors; and it may have such additional powers, duties and  
12 responsibilities with respect to municipal finance related functions  
13 and activities as the Town may from time to time provide, by bylaw.  
14 So much of the powers of a chief procurement officer which the  
15 Mayor does not personally exercise, shall be assigned to the Depart-  
16 ment of Municipal Finance. All activity by the Mayor acting as a  
17 Chief Procurement Officer shall be processed through the Depart-  
18 ment of Municipal Finance.

19 (b) Director of Municipal Finance:— The Department of Munic-  
20 ipal Finance shall be under the direct control and supervision of a  
21 Director of Municipal Finance who shall be appointed by and who  
22 shall be responsible to the Mayor. The Mayor shall also appoint the  
23 person, or persons, performing the duties of Town Collector and  
24 Town Treasurer. The Director of Municipal Finance shall be a  
25 person especially fitted by education, experience and training to per-  
26 form the duties of the office. The Director of Municipal Finance  
27 shall be responsible for the supervision and coordination of all activ-  
28 ities of the Department of Municipal Finance in accordance with the  
29 General Laws, Town bylaws, administrative code and rules and reg-  
30 ulations. The Director of Municipal Finance shall serve, as the  
31 Mayor may from time to time specify, as the Town Treasurer, Town  
32 Collector, Treasurer- Collector or Town Accountant.

1 SECTION 4. Section 6-4 of said charter is hereby amended by  
2 striking out paragraphs (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following paragraphs:—

4 (a) Establishment, Scope:— There shall be a Department of Plan-  
5 ning and Development responsible for the coordination of all the  
6 planning and development related activities of the Town. The  
7 Director of Planning and Development shall be responsible for the  
8 coordination of all of the duties and responsibilities related to plan-  
9 ning and development activities which prior to the adoption of the  
10 Home Rule Charter were performed by or under the authority of the  
11 Planning Board, Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commis-  
12 sion; and it may have such additional powers, duties and responsibil-  
13 ities with respect to the coordination of planning and development  
14 related functions and activities as the Town may from time to time  
15 provide, by bylaw, and which may include the coordination of all  
16 land acquisition and land management proposals, economic devel-  
17 opment planning, the preparation of a comprehensive or master plan  
18 and maintenance of a centralized source of records, reports, statis-  
19 tical data and other planning and development related materials.

20 (b) Director of Planning and Development:— The Department of  
21 Planning and Development shall be under the direct control and  
22 supervision of a Director of Planning and Development who shall be  
23 appointed by and who shall be responsible to the Mayor. The  
24 Director of Planning and Development shall be a person especially  
25 fitted by education, experience and training to perform the duties of  
26 the office. The Director of Planning and Development shall be  
27 responsible for the supervision and coordination of all activities of  
28 the Department of Planning and Development in accordance with  
29 the General Laws, Town bylaws, administrative code and rules and  
30 regulations.

1 SECTION 5. Section 6-9 of said charter is hereby amended by  
2 striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following paragraph:—

4 (b) The Board of License Commissioners shall consist of five (5)  
5 voters appointed by the Mayor for terms of three (3) years, begin-  
6 ning on the first business day of July, 2008.

7 No person, while a member of the Board of License Commis-  
8 sioners, shall have any connection, directly or indirectly, with the  
9 sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in any form.

1 SECTION 6. Paragraph (d) of Section 6-11 of said charter is  
2 hereby amended by striking out subsection 4 and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following subsection:—

4 4. Final interviews for appointments and promotions of officers  
5 and men and women, in the police and fire department shall be con-  
6 ducted by the commission and the chief. The chief shall submit his  
7 recommendations to the commission and the commission, if it does  
8 not agree with said recommendations, shall submit written reasons  
9 for not concurring with said recommendations to the Mayor.  
10 Appointments and promotions of public safety personnel shall be  
11 made in accordance with Civil Service Law and the General Laws,  
12 and local hiring policy requirements as defined by the Mayor,  
13 respectively.

1 SECTION 7. Section 6-21 of said charter is hereby amended by  
2 striking out paragraphs (a) and (c) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following paragraphs:—

4 (a) There shall be a Conservation Commission consisting of five  
5 (5) members appointed by the Mayor, with approval by Town  
6 Council, serving staggered three year terms.

7 (c) Any vacancy of a regular member of the Conservation Com-  
8 mission shall be filled by the appointment of a new member by the  
9 Mayor.

1 SECTION 8. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on July 1,  
2 2008.