

HOUSE No. 4877

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, petition of Paul McMurtry (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for certain changes in the charter of the town of Dedham to clarify the methods of organizing agencies under the supervision of the administrator of said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DEDHAM TO CLARIFY THE METHOD OF ORGANIZING TOWN AGENCIES.

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 Dedham, which is on
2 file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as pro-
3 vided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby
4 amended by striking out subsection (p) of section 4-2 and
5 inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—
6 (p) To create, reorganize, expand, consolidate or abolish, in the
7 manner provided in Article 5, town agencies serving under the
8 supervision of the town administrator, in whole or in part, and
9 provide for reassignment of powers, duties, functions and respon-
10 sibilities with and among such agencies so created or existing,
11 notwithstanding any specific designation of a town agency or any
12 specific assignment of powers, duties, functions and responsibili-
13 ties within this charter. For purposes of article 5 of this charter,
14 functions assigned by this charter to appointed town agencies
15 under the supervision of the town administrator may be assigned
16 to any other agency under the supervision of the town adminis-
17 trator or to any board, commission, committee, department, posi-
18 tion or office of any such agency in the manner provided in said
19 article 5.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5-1 of said charter is hereby amended by
2 striking out subsections (c)(6) and (c)(7) and inserting in place
3 thereof the following subsection:—

4 (c)(6) The director of finance shall appoint, with the consent of
5 the town administrator, a treasurer-collector. The treasurer-
6 collector shall be a person qualified by education, training, and
7 previous experience to perform the duties of the office. Subject to
8 the supervision of the director of finance, the treasurer-collector
9 shall receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the town,
10 shall collect all accounts due to the town and shall have all of the
11 powers and duties which treasurers and collectors may have under
12 the constitution and laws of the commonwealth. The treasurer-col-
13 lector may also exercise such additional powers and duties as may
14 from time to time be assigned to that office by the charter, by by-
15 law or by other vote of the town meeting. A treasurer-collector
16 may be removed from office in accordance with the procedures
17 established in section 6-15. The functions assigned by this charter
18 to the treasurer-collector may be separated and assigned to a sepa-
19 rate treasurer and a separate collector by the town meeting, in the
20 manner provided by section 5-3 (a), or by the town administrator,
21 in the manner provided by section 5-3 (b).

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 5-3 of said charter is
2 hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end:—

3 Pursuant to subsection (p) of section 4-2, functions assigned by
4 this charter to appointed town agencies under the supervision of
5 the town administrator may be assigned to any other appointed
6 agency under the supervision of the town administrator or to any
7 board, commission, committee, department, position or office of
8 any such agency by by-law.

1 SECTION 4. Subsection (b) of said section 5-3 of said charter
2 is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence at the
3 end:—

4 Pursuant to subsection (p) of section 4-2, functions assigned by
5 this charter to appointed town agencies under the supervision of
6 the town administrator may be assigned to any other appointed

7 agency under the supervision of the town administrator or to any
8 board, commission, committee, department, position or office of
9 any such agency in the manner provided herein.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.