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**Act No. M-13 (H.447). Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Springfield; amendments**

**An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield**

This act amends the charter of the Town of Springfield to:

- Make nonsubstantive technical amendments throughout the charter.
- Authorize the Town to adopt ordinances relating to the cleaning and repair of any premises that is deemed to impair the general appearance of the Town, may physically injure other property in the vicinity, or is a health hazard. These ordinances must comply with certain enumerated requirements within the charter.
- Amend the Town's charter-specific requirements and procedures for meetings and public records and instead cross-reference the Open Meeting Law and Public Records Act.
- Amend the Town's procedures for the proposal and adoption of charter amendments.
- Eliminate the charter requirements for the election of listers and a First Constable and instead appoint or elect those offices based on applicable provisions of the charter or State law.
- Eliminate the charter requirements for the appointment of a Weigher of Coal, Fence Viewers, Surveyor of Wood and Lumber, and Grand Juror.
- Establish the requirement for the appointment of a First Constable and enumerate the duties of that officer.
- Amend the term, duties, and authority of the Town Manager.
- Amend the Town's charter-specific requirements for personnel management and create the position of Human Resources Manager.
- Reorganize the Town's procedure for citizen input on the Town budget and create a Budget Advisory Committee composed of registered voters of the Town.
- Repeal the Town's personal property tax charter provisions, which had been lowered to zero percent as of 2001.

Effective Date: May 16, 2022