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By Mr. Tuttle of Framingham, petition of J. Walton Tuttle relative to appointment and removal of town accountants by boards of selectmen. Towns.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

An Act relative to Appointment and Removal of Town Accountants by Boards of Selectmen.

*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 fifty-five of chapter forty-one of the Ter-  
2 centenary edition of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the clause in the tenth and  
4 eleventh lines, beginning immediately after the  
5 comma in the tenth line and ending prior to the  
6 semicolon in the eleventh line, to wit, "and shall  
7 hold office for three years and until his successor is  
8 qualified", and by substituting therefor the following  
9 clause between said comma and said semicolon, to  
10 wit:— and may be removed for cause by the select-  
11 men at any time after a hearing, — so as to read as  
12 follows:— *Section 55.* Any town may authorize the  
13 selectmen to appoint a town accountant, who shall  
14 perform the duties and possess the powers of town  
15 auditors as defined in sections fifty to fifty-three,

16 inclusive. In towns so authorizing the appointment  
17 of a town accountant the office of town auditor may,  
18 if the town so vote, be abolished. In towns which  
19 have accepted chapter thirty-one or corresponding  
20 provisions of earlier laws, the appointment of the  
21 town accountant shall be subject to the civil service  
22 rules. The town accountant shall be sworn to the  
23 faithful performance of his duties, shall hold no other  
24 town office involving the receipt or disbursement of  
25 money, and may be removed for cause by the selectmen  
26 at any time after a hearing; provided, that the town  
27 clerk, if he holds no other office involving the receipt  
28 or disbursement of money, may be appointed town  
29 accountant.