

By Mrs. Koplw of Brookline and Messrs. Backman of Brookline and Dukakis of Brookline, petition of Freyda P. Koplw, Jack H. Backman and others that provision be made for the appointment of the town clerk by the board of selectmen in the town of Brookline. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK BY THE SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

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 the provisions of any general
2 or special law, the selectmen of the town of Brookline shall
3 appoint a town clerk. He shall be appointed in April for a
4 term of three years from the first day of May following and
5 until the qualification of his successor, except that the term
6 of office of the town clerk initially appointed under the provi-
7 sions of this act following its acceptance shall commence imme-
8 diately after the term of office of the then incumbent thereof
9 expires, or his office becomes vacant, whichever first occurs.
10 His salary or compensation may be fixed by the selectmen and
11 he may be removed by the selectmen when, in their judgment,
12 the public interest so requires. During his tenure he shall hold
13 no elective office nor shall he engage in any other business or
14 occupation. Any vacancy in such office may be filled by appoint-
15 ment of the selectmen for the remainder of the unexpired term.
16 The office of town clerk shall not be subject to the civil service
17 laws and rules.

1 SECTION 2. The town clerk shall have the powers and duties
2 conferred and imposed upon town clerks under the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the
2 town of Brookline for acceptance at an annual town meeting
3 within two years of the passage of this act, in the form of the
4 following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot
5 to be used for the election of town officers at such meeting:—
6 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year one
7 thousand nine hundred and sixty-six entitled ‘An Act providing
8 for the appointment of the town clerk by the selectmen in the
9 Town of Brookline’ be accepted?”. If a majority of votes
10 in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall
11 take full effect, but not otherwise.