

By Mr. Durand, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1562) of Robert A. Durand and Geoffrey D. Hall (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a finance department in the town of Harvard. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF HARVARD.

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. There is hereby established in the Town of
2 Harvard a department of finance. The department shall assume
3 the powers and duties as presently assigned to the treasurer/tax
4 collector and town accountant, and shall assume responsibility for
5 the personnel management and purchasing functions of the town.
6 All appointments to the department shall be made by the board
7 of selectmen, including the appointment of a finance director who
8 shall administer the operations of the department under the direct
9 and undelegated supervision of the board of selectmen and of the
10 school committee, and who shall be subject to the removal for
11 cause by the board. The finance director may serve as the town
12 accountant, treasurer, tax collector, or treasurer and tax collector,
13 but shall not combine the position of town accountant with either
14 treasurer or tax collector.

1 SECTION 2. The board of selectmen shall appoint members
2 of the board of assessors for three year terms, such terms so
3 arranged that the term of office of one member shall expire each
4 year. Members shall be subject to removal for cause by the board
5 of selectmen. The board of assessors shall have the powers and
6 duties of the board provided by statute, provided however, that
7 the finance director shall supervise all employees assisting in the
8 performance of assessing functions.

1 SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of the appointment of the
2 finance director, the term of office of the treasurer/tax collector
3 and town accountant shall terminate. The incumbents in the office
4 of town accountant and treasurer/tax collector and all present
5 employees of any of the departments or offices referenced in this
6 act shall be transferred to the department of finance, to serve
7 under the direction and supervision of the finance director and
8 shall not forfeit pay grade or time in service.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 1994.