

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Daniel J. Foley and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Hopedale be authorized to appoint a town administrator. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE TO APPOINT A TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

*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 Town of Hopedale authorizes the Board of  
2 Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners,  
3 meeting in joint session, to appoint a Town Administrator for a  
4 term of one, three, or five years, and to enter into a contract with  
5 said individual for services as Town Administrator. The Town  
6 Administrator appointed under the provisions of this by-law shall  
7 be sworn to the faithful performance of said duties. Said individual  
8 shall receive such aggregate compensation as the Selectmen and  
9 Water and Sewer Commissioners may determine. Compensation  
10 for said position shall be equally divided between the General  
11 Government budget under the control of the Board of Selectmen  
12 and the water and sewer budgets under the control of the Water  
13 and Sewer Commissioners. The Town Administrator shall act by  
14 and for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer  
15 Commissioners in any matter under their supervision and control  
16 said boards may deem appropriate relating to the Board of Water  
17 and Sewer Commissioners in any matter under their supervision  
18 and control said boards may deem appropriate relating to the  
19 administration of the affairs of the town or any other town office

20 or department with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; may  
21 perform such duties as may be requested by any other Town  
22 Office, board, committee, or commission. The Town Administra-  
23 tor shall hold no elective Town Office, but may be appointed by  
24 the Board of Selectmen to any other Town Office or position  
25 consistent with the Office of Town Administrator.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provision of G.L. c. 268A,  
2 S. 20 and S. 21A, current members of the Board of Selectmen shall  
3 be eligible for appointment to the position of Town Administrator  
4 provided 1) said appointment shall be made at a duly called joint  
5 meeting of the Boards of Selectmen, Water and Sewer Commis-  
6 sioners, 2) any Selectmen applying for the position shall not partic-  
7 ipate in the appointment process, and 3) the appointment of a  
8 Selectman to the position shall not be effective until the Town  
9 Clerk has received a letter of resignation from said Selectman as a  
10 member of the Board of Selectmen.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon  
2 signing by the Governor and Section 2 of this act shall become  
3 Section 9 of Chapter III of the By-Laws of the Town of Hopedale.