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### **An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §52, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt.  
3 C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
4 amended to read:

5 **1. Municipal offices.** ~~No~~ A person holding the office of county commissioner may  
6 not at the same time hold either the office of mayor or assessor of a city or the office of  
7 ~~selectman~~ selectperson or assessor of a town.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §722, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and  
9 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
10 further amended to read:

11 **2. Municipal officials.** "Municipal officials" means the mayor, aldermen,  
12 councillors or manager of a city and the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, councillors or manager  
13 of a town located in Androscoggin County.

14 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §822, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A,  
15 §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10,  
16 are further amended to read:

17 **2. Municipal officials.** "Municipal officials" may include the mayor, aldermen,  
18 councillors or manager of a city, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, councillors or manager of a  
19 town and the assessors of a plantation located in Piscataquis County.

20 **3. Municipal officers.** "Municipal officers" means the elected mayor, aldermen or  
21 councillors of a city, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons or councillors of a town and the  
22 assessors of a plantation located in Piscataquis County.

23 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §852, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and  
24 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
25 further amended to read:

26 **2. Municipal officers.** "Municipal officers" means the mayor, councillors or  
27 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons.

28 **Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §892, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 204, §2, is amended  
29 to read:

30 **4. Municipal officer; definition.** The term "municipal officer," as it refers to the  
31 Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee in this section, means a ~~selectman~~  
32 selectperson or council member.

33 **Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §2001, sub-§10, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A,  
34 §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10,  
35 is further amended to read:

36 A. The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons or councillors of a town; or

1           **Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §2521**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
2 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
3 amended to read:

4           **§2521. Call of town meeting**

5           Each town meeting ~~shall~~ must be called by a warrant. The warrant must be signed by  
6 a majority of the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, except as follows.

7           **1. First town meeting.** The first town meeting ~~shall~~ must be called in the manner  
8 provided in the act of incorporation.

9           **2. Majority of selectpersons.** If, for any reason, a majority of the ~~selectmen~~  
10 selectpersons do not remain in office, a majority of those remaining may call a town  
11 meeting.

12           **3. Petition of 3 voters, if no selectpersons.** When a town, once organized, is  
13 without ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, a notary public may call a meeting on the written  
14 petition of any 3 voters.

15           **4. Petition by voters, if selectpersons refuse.** If the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
16 unreasonably refuse to call a town meeting, a notary public may call the meeting on the  
17 written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in  
18 the town at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10.

19           **Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §2524, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.  
20 A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and  
21 10, are further amended to read:

22           **2. Moderator elected and sworn.** The clerk, or in the clerk's absence a ~~selectman~~  
23 selectperson or constable, shall open the meeting by:

- 24           A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot;
- 25           B. Receiving and counting the votes for moderator; and
- 26           C. Swearing in the moderator.

27           **3. Moderator presides.** As soon as the moderator has been elected and sworn, the  
28 moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a  
29 deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or is unable to carry  
30 out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a ~~selectman~~ selectperson or constable,  
31 may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.

32           A. All persons ~~shall~~ must be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not  
33 speak before that person is recognized by the moderator. A person who is not a voter  
34 in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters  
35 present.

- 36           (1) If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act  
37 in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the

1 meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person  
2 removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.

3 B. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7  
4 voters, the moderator shall make it certain by polling the voters or by a method  
5 directed by the municipal legislative body.

6 C. The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is  
7 subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.

8 **Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §2525, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2  
9 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
10 further amended to read:

11 B. ~~Selectmen~~ Selectpersons; and

12 **Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A,  
13 §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10,  
14 is further amended to read:

15 A. In order to hold the office of ~~selectman~~ selectperson, a person must be a voter in  
16 the town in which that person is elected.

17 **Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2  
18 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
19 further amended to read:

20 **4. Selectpersons and overseers.** The following provisions apply to ~~selectmen~~  
21 selectpersons and overseers.

22 A. A town may determine at a meeting held at least 90 days before the annual  
23 meeting whether 3, 5 or 7 will be elected to each board and their terms of office.

24 (1) Once the determination has been made, it stands until revoked at a meeting  
25 held at least 90 days before the annual meeting.

26 (2) If a town fails to fix the number, 3 ~~shall~~ must be elected. If a town fails to fix  
27 the term, it is for one year.

28 B. When others have not been elected, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall serve as  
29 overseers of the poor.

30 C. A ~~selectman~~ selectperson may also serve as a member of the board of assessors.

31 D. A town, in electing ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons and overseers, may designate one of  
32 them as ~~chairman~~ chair of the board.

33 (1) If no person is designated as ~~chairman~~ chair, the board shall elect by ballot a  
34 ~~chairman~~ chair from its own membership, before assuming the duties of office.  
35 When no member receives a majority vote, the clerk shall determine the  
36 ~~chairman~~ chair by lot.

1 E. If the town fails to fix the compensation of these officials at its annual meeting,  
2 they ~~shall~~ must be paid \$10 each per day for every day actually and necessarily  
3 employed in the service of the town.

4 **Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A,  
5 §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10,  
6 is further amended to read:

7 A. A town may determine at a meeting of its legislative body held at least 90 days  
8 before the annual meeting whether a single assessor will be appointed under  
9 subparagraph (3) or a board of 3, 5 or 7 will be elected and the term of office of the  
10 assessor or assessors. In towns where the municipal legislative body is the town  
11 meeting, the determination is effective only if the total number of votes cast for and  
12 against the determination equals or exceeds 10% of the number of votes cast in the  
13 town at the last gubernatorial election.

14 (1) Once a determination has been made, it stands until revoked at a meeting  
15 held at least 90 days before the annual meeting.

16 (2) If a town fails to fix the number, 3 ~~shall~~ must be elected. If a town fails to fix  
17 the term, it is for one year.

18 (3) When a town has chosen a single assessor under this paragraph, the  
19 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall appoint the assessor for a term not exceeding 5  
20 years.

21 **Sec. 13. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§5, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 234, §1, is  
22 further amended to read:

23 C. When a town has not elected a full board of assessors, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
24 shall serve as assessors as provided in Title 36, section 703. A ~~selectman~~  
25 selectperson who is an assessor pursuant to this paragraph and Title 36, section 703  
26 or any person who serves as both a ~~selectman~~ selectperson and a tax assessor may  
27 resign the position of assessor without resigning the office of ~~selectman~~ selectperson.  
28 The position of assessor must then be filled by appointment pursuant to section 2602,  
29 subsection 2. A person elected to the State Legislature who resigns the position of  
30 assessor pursuant to this paragraph may continue to serve concurrently as ~~selectman~~  
31 selectperson and member of the State Legislature. If a person who is serving in the  
32 State Legislature or in another office incompatible with the position of assessor  
33 resigns the position of assessor pursuant to this paragraph before that person has  
34 performed any duties as tax assessor, that person may not be ~~deemed~~ considered  
35 to have vacated the previously held position of State Legislator or other office that is  
36 incompatible with the office of assessor.

37 **Sec. 14. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 235, is  
38 further amended to read:

39 B. The board of assessment review consists of 3 members and 2 alternates appointed  
40 by the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons. The municipality, when adopting such a board, may  
41 fix the compensation of the members. Initially, one member must be appointed for  
42 one year, one member for 2 years and one member for 3 years, and one of the

1 alternates must be appointed for one year and one alternate for 2 years. Thereafter,  
2 the term of each new member or alternate is 3 years.

3 **Sec. 15. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§7, ¶¶B and C**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
4 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C,  
5 §§8 and 10, are further amended to read:

6 B. A road commissioner appointed by the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may be removed  
7 from office for cause by the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons.

8 C. The board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may act as a board of road commissioners.

9 **Sec. 16. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§§2 and 8**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.  
10 A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and  
11 10, are further amended to read:

12 **2. Designation, number and terms of officials.** At the time of acceptance, the town  
13 shall determine, by a separate article in the warrant, which other officials are to be elected  
14 according to this section, and may determine the number and terms of ~~selectmen~~  
15 selectpersons, assessors and overseers according to section 2526.

16 A. After the determination under this subsection, a town may not change the  
17 designation, number or terms of town officials, except at a meeting held at least 90  
18 days before the annual meeting.

19 **8. Ballot clerks.** Before the polls are opened, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall  
20 appoint the necessary number of ballot clerks as provided in Title 21-A, section 503.  
21 When there are vacancies after the polls are opened, the moderator shall appoint  
22 replacement clerks. The ballot clerks shall be sworn before assuming their duties.

23 A. On election day, before the polls are opened, the clerk shall deliver the ballots to  
24 the ballot clerks and shall post an instruction card at each voting compartment and at  
25 least 3 instruction cards and 5 specimen ballots in the voting room outside the  
26 guardrail enclosure.

27 B. The ballot clerks shall give a receipt to the clerk for the ballots received by them.  
28 The clerk shall keep the receipt in the clerk's office for 6 months.

29 C. Ballots may not be delivered to the voters until the moderator has been elected.  
30 The moderator may appoint a qualified person to act as temporary moderator during a  
31 temporary absence from the polling place.

32 D. The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall prepare a duplicate incoming voting list for the  
33 use of the ballot clerks. The law pertaining to incoming voting lists applies equally to  
34 duplicate incoming voting lists.

35 **Sec. 17. 30-A MRSA §2602, sub-§§2 and 3**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 270,  
36 §3, are further amended to read:

37 **2. Vacancy in office other than selectperson or school committee.** When there is  
38 a vacancy in a town office other than that of ~~selectman~~ selectperson or school committee,  
39 the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

1           **3. Vacancy in office of selectperson.** When there is a vacancy in the office of  
2 ~~selectman~~ selectperson, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may call a town meeting to elect a  
3 qualified person to fill the vacancy.

4           **Sec. 18. 30-A MRSA §2631, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2  
5 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
6 further amended to read:

7           **2. Government.** The government of each town under this subchapter ~~shall consist~~  
8 consists of a town meeting, an elected board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, an elected school  
9 committee, an appointed town manager and any other officials and employees that may  
10 be appointed under this subchapter, general law or ordinance. Other town officials may  
11 be elected by ballot, including, but not limited to, moderator, assessors, overseers of the  
12 poor, clerk and treasurer. The election of officials at the last annual town meeting ~~shall~~  
13 must require that those town offices continue to be filled by election until the town  
14 designates otherwise.

15           **Sec. 19. 30-A MRSA §2632**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
16 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
17 amended to read:

18           **§2632. Qualifications of town manager**

19           **1. Selection by board; professional qualification.** The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
20 shall choose the town manager solely on the basis of executive and administrative  
21 qualifications with special reference to actual experience in, or knowledge of, the duties  
22 of office under this subchapter.

23           **2. Residency.** The town manager need not be a resident of the town or State when  
24 appointed, but, while in office, may reside outside the town or State only with the  
25 approval of the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons.

26           **3. Prohibited offices.** A town manager may not serve as moderator, ~~selectman~~  
27 selectperson, assessor or member of the school committee.

28           **Sec. 20. 30-A MRSA §2633**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
29 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
30 amended to read:

31           **§2633. Term, compensation, removal, suspension**

32           **1. Term.** The town manager ~~shall hold~~ holds office for an indefinite term unless  
33 otherwise specified by contract.

34           **2. Compensation.** The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall determine the compensation of  
35 the town manager.

36           **3. Removal, suspension.** The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may remove or suspend the  
37 town manager for cause in accordance with the following procedures.

1 A. The ~~selectmen shall~~ selectpersons must file a written preliminary resolution with  
2 the town clerk stating the specific reasons for the proposed removal. A copy of that  
3 resolution ~~shall~~ must be delivered to the manager within 10 days of filing.

4 B. Within 20 days of receiving the resolution, the manager may reply in writing and  
5 request a public hearing.

6 C. Upon request for a public hearing, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall hold one at  
7 least 10 days but not more than 30 days after the request is filed.

8 D. After the public hearing or at the expiration of the time permitted the manager to  
9 request the public hearing, if no such request is made, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
10 may adopt or reject the resolution of removal.

11 E. The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may suspend the manager from duty in the  
12 preliminary resolution, but the manager's salary may not be affected until the final  
13 resolution of removal has been adopted.

14 **Sec. 21. 30-A MRSA §2634**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
15 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
16 amended to read:

17 **§2634. Absence or disability of town manager**

18 The town manager may designate a qualified administrative official of the town to  
19 perform the manager's duties during a temporary absence or disability, subject to  
20 confirmation by the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons. If the town manager does not make this  
21 designation, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may appoint a town official to perform the  
22 manager's duties during the absence or disability and until the manager returns or the  
23 disability ceases.

24 **Sec. 22. 30-A MRSA §2635**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
25 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
26 amended to read:

27 **§2635. Board of selectpersons to act as a body; administrative service to be**  
28 **performed through town manager; committees**

29 It is the intention of this subchapter that the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons as a  
30 body ~~shall~~ exercise all administrative and executive powers of the town except as  
31 provided in this subchapter. The board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall deal with the  
32 administrative services solely through the town manager and ~~shall~~ may not give orders to  
33 any subordinates of the manager, either publicly or privately. This section does not  
34 prevent the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons from appointing committees or commissions  
35 of its own members or of citizens to conduct investigations into the conduct of any  
36 official or department, or any matter relating to the welfare of the town.

37 **Sec. 23. 30-A MRSA §2636**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
38 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
39 amended to read:



1           **§2636. Powers and duties of town manager**

2           The town manager:

3           **1. Executive and administrative officer.** Is the chief executive and administrative  
4 official of the town;

5           **2. Administer offices.** Is responsible to the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons for the  
6 administration of all departments and offices over which the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
7 have control;

8           **3. Execute laws and ordinances.** Shall execute all laws and ordinances of the town;

9           **4. Department head.** Shall serve in any office as the head of any department under  
10 the control of the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons when directed by the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons;

11           **5. Appoint department heads.** Shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the  
12 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, supervise and control the heads of departments under the control  
13 of the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons when the department is not headed by the town manager  
14 under subsection 4;

15           **6. Appoint town officials.** Unless otherwise provided by town ordinance, shall  
16 appoint, supervise and control all town officials whom the municipal officers are required  
17 by law to appoint, except members of boards, commissions, committees and single  
18 assessors; and appoint, supervise and control all other officials, subordinates and  
19 assistants, except that the town manager may delegate this authority to a department head  
20 and report all appointments to the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons;

21           **7. Purchasing agent.** Shall act as purchasing agent for all departments, except the  
22 school department, ~~provided~~ except that the town or the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may  
23 require that all purchases greater than a designated amount must be submitted to sealed  
24 bid;

25           **8. Attend meetings of selectpersons.** Shall attend all meetings of the board of  
26 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, and the town manager may attend meetings when the manager's  
27 removal is being considered;

28           **9. Make recommendations.** Shall make recommendations to the board of  
29 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons for the more efficient operation of the town;

30           **10. Attend town meetings.** Shall attend all town meetings and hearings;

31           **11. Inform of financial condition.** Shall keep the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons  
32 and the residents of the town informed as to the town's financial condition;

33           **12. Collect data.** Shall collect data necessary to prepare the budget;

34           **13. Assist residents.** Shall assist, insofar as possible, residents and taxpayers in  
35 discovering their lawful remedies in cases involving complaints of unfair vendor,  
36 administrative and governmental practices; and

1           **14. Remove appointments.** Has exclusive authority to remove for cause, after  
2 notice and hearing, all persons whom the manager is authorized to appoint and report all  
3 removals to the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons.

4           **Sec. 24. 30-A MRSA §2637**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,  
5 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further  
6 amended to read:

7           **§2637. Transitional provisions**

8           The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, by resolve, may provide for the orderly transition of the  
9 town government. These resolves may not infringe upon the rights of any official or  
10 employee of the town and may not be inconsistent with this subchapter.

11           **Sec. 25. 30-A MRSA §2638, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.  
12 A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and  
13 10, are further amended to read:

14           **2. Selection of manager.** The ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons of the contracting towns shall  
15 act as a joint board for the purposes of selecting and removing for cause the manager,  
16 ~~provided that~~ as long as each town has a single vote.

17           **3. Compensation.** The agreement must contain a formula establishing the  
18 percentage of the manager's compensation to be contributed by each town. The  
19 ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons shall determine the manager's total compensation acting as a  
20 joint board, each town having a single vote.

21           **Sec. 26. 30-A MRSA §4356, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45  
22 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

23           **3. Extension by selectpersons.** In municipalities where the municipal legislative  
24 body is the town meeting, the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons may extend the moratorium in  
25 compliance with subsection 2 after notice and hearing.

26           **Sec. 27. 30-A MRSA §4702, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §3  
27 and affected by §42, is further amended to read:

28           B. The area of operation of the housing authority of a municipality does not include  
29 any area that lies within the municipal boundaries of any municipality for which a  
30 municipal housing authority has been organized, without the consent by resolution of  
31 the legislative body or the ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons of the other municipality.

32           **Sec. 28. 30-A MRSA §4702, sub-§15**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2  
33 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
34 further amended to read:

35           **15. Selectpersons.** "~~Selectmen~~ Selectpersons" means the board of ~~selectmen~~  
36 selectpersons of the town or, if the town has no ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons, the officers  
37 charged with the duties customarily imposed on the board of ~~selectmen~~ selectpersons of a  
38 town.

