

ENABLING LEGISLATION

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any General or Special Law to the contrary, the Office of Executive Administrator is hereby established in the Town of Dartmouth to be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed three (3) years. During the term of appointment the Executive Administrator may only be removed for cause after notice stating the reasons for removal, with the right to a hearing, and by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 2. The Executive Administrator shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town within the policies and goals established by the Board of Selectmen and shall have the following powers and duties:

- the daily administration of the Offices of the Board of Selectmen and the affairs of the Town.
- the preparation of the articles and warrant for Annual and Special Town Meetings.
- overall responsibility for the Town Budget with supervisory authority over the Director of Budget and Finance.
- the hiring, supervision and termination of department heads determined by Town General By-laws except for those department heads whose appointment is presently specially provided for by State Statute.

SECTION 3. In addition to those powers and duties as set out herein the Executive Administrator shall have the powers and duties as may be assigned and prescribed from time to time by the Board of Selectmen with the approval of Town Meeting.

SECTION 4. No action by the Executive Administrator in the hiring or termination of a department head shall be effective until ratified by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen within seven days after notice to the Board of Selectmen at a meeting. Failure of the Board of Selectmen to act within seven days after notice, shall be ratification of the action taken by the Executive Administrator.

SECTION 5. Upon the appointment and assumption of Office by the Executive Administrator, the term and employment of the Executive Secretary for the Board of Selectmen shall terminate.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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MEMBERS OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"AN ACT INCREASING THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH FROM THREE MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, special law or town by-law to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Dartmouth is hereby increased from three to five Selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of the first annual town election following its passage.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURE FOR INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. Upon the implementation of this act, the incumbents serving as members of the Board of Selectmen shall continue to serve in office for the balance of the terms for which they were elected.

A. All Selectmen shall be elected at large.

B. Election Procedure. At the first annual town election following the enactment of this act by the General Court of Massachusetts, the registered voters of the Town of Dartmouth shall elect three Selectmen.

An unspecified number of candidates may choose to run for the office of selectmen. The person receiving the highest number of votes is elected for three years, the candidate with the second highest number of votes is elected for two years, and the person ranked third is elected for one year. At each annual town election thereafter, the voters shall elect in place of those selectmen whose terms are about to expire, a like number of selectmen to serve for terms of three years.

SECTION 4. Filling Vacancies in the Board of Selectmen. When a vacancy occurs in the Board of Selectmen, a special election shall be called within 30 days from the effective date of the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than 120 days prior to the annual election, such vacancy shall remain unfilled.

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SECTION 4. Filling Vacancies in the Board of Selectmen. When a vacancy occurs in the Board of Selectmen, a special election shall be called within 90 days from the effective date of the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than 120 days prior to the annual election, such vacancy shall remain unfilled.

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