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**Act No. M-5 (H.536). Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Colchester; amendments**

**An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester**

This act makes miscellaneous amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester. Aside from amendments that are technical or stylistic in nature, this act includes the following substantive amendments:

- Removing the Grand Juror from the list of elected Town officers
- Requiring the Selectboard to post official records of proceedings and policies on the Town's website
- Increasing the Selectboard emergency appropriation expenditure limit from two percent to four percent above the adopted annual budget and requiring that there be an opportunity for public comment prior to doing so
- Removing the requirement that appropriations of funds in excess of the Selectboard's budget be approved by Australian ballot
- Requiring that the removal of a Town Manager be approved by a majority of the entire Selectboard, requiring that removal be for cause, and updating the procedure for such removal
- Excluding certain appropriations from the required statement of appropriations and five-year capital budget prepared by the Town Manager
- Prohibiting Town department heads from exceeding approved expenditures
- Requiring the Selectboard to adopt a conflict of interest policy
- Requiring that the Town charter be reviewed at a maximum five-year interval

Effective Date: May 17, 2017