

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 1047**

LCO No. 5597

**AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF FENWICK  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899, as  
2 amended by section 11 of special act of 13-23, is amended to read as  
3 follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 That [all of] the electors [of this state, who own real estate located in  
5 and who have been domiciled for two months during the year last past  
6 in the town of Old Saybrook and within] described in section 2 of this  
7 act in relation to the territory included within the following limits, to  
8 wit: Bounded north by the South Cove, so called; east by Connecticut  
9 River; south by Long Island sound; and west by the east line of land of  
10 Daniel C. Spencer, said east line running about south from said South  
11 Cove to Long Island sound, the territory comprised within said  
12 boundaries being situated on the peninsula of Lynde's Point, and  
13 known as New Saybrook and so designated on a map thereof on file in  
14 the office of the town clerk of Old Saybrook; are hereby declared to be,  
15 and shall forever continue to be, a body politic and corporate within  
16 said town of Old Saybrook, by the name of the borough of Fenwick;  
17 and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual  
18 succession, and shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being

19 sued, pleading and being impleaded in all courts of whatsoever  
20 nature; and also of purchasing, holding, and conveying any estate, real  
21 or personal; and shall have a common seal and may change and alter  
22 the same at pleasure.

23 Sec. 2. Section 2 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899, is  
24 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

25 (a) [All of the electors aforesaid, domiciled within said limits for two  
26 months during the year last past, and owners of real estate located  
27 within said limits, and all] Electors of the borough of Fenwick shall  
28 include (1) all electors of the town of Old Saybrook who actually reside  
29 within the limits of the said borough, [shall be freemen at the first  
30 election of officers under this act and for the year next ensuing; and  
31 every elector of this state who shall thereafter have been domiciled  
32 within the limits of said borough for a period of two months during  
33 any year and who shall have owned real estate located in said borough  
34 during said time shall be a freeman of said borough for the year during  
35 which he has so owned real estate and been so domiciled for two  
36 months and for the year ensuing and all electors of the town of Old  
37 Saybrook who actually reside within the limits of said borough shall  
38 also be freemen of said borough] (2) every citizen of the United States  
39 of the age of eighteen years or more who is liable to said borough for  
40 taxes assessed against such citizen on an assessment of not less than  
41 one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list used in  
42 connection with the assessment of taxes by said borough, or who  
43 would be so liable if not entitled to a statutory exemption, and (3) any  
44 holder of record of an interest in real property located within said  
45 borough. Any [freeman] elector of said borough who votes in the said  
46 borough under the provisions of [this act] number 271 of the special  
47 acts of 1899, but whose permanent residence is not within the limits of  
48 the town of Old Saybrook, may vote at all elections in any town in this  
49 state where he or she permanently resides, and the fact that any person  
50 is registered as [a voter] an elector in the borough of Fenwick shall not  
51 deprive him or her of the right to register and vote in any town in this  
52 state where he or she has a permanent residence.

53 (b) (1) For purposes of voting at meetings held by said borough, a  
54 corporation shall have its vote cast by the chief executive officer of  
55 such corporation, or such officer's designee. Any entity that is not a  
56 corporation shall have its vote cast by a person authorized by such  
57 entity to cast its vote. No owner shall have more than one vote.

58 (2) No holder of record of an interest in real property shall be  
59 precluded from participating in any district meeting or referendum  
60 because of the form of entity that holds such interest, whether such  
61 holder of record is: (A) A corporation, partnership, unincorporated  
62 association, trustee, fiduciary, guardian, conservator or other form of  
63 entity, or any combination thereof, or (B) an individual who holds an  
64 interest jointly or in common with another individual or individuals,  
65 or with any one or more of the entities listed in subparagraph (A) of  
66 this subdivision.

67 Sec. 3. Section 3 of number 271 of the special acts of 1899, as  
68 amended by section 1 of number 256 of the special acts of 1943, section  
69 1 of number 325 of the special acts of 1951 and number 28 of the special  
70 acts of 1957, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

71 A meeting of the [legal voters] electors of said borough of Fenwick  
72 shall be held on the first Saturday of July in the year 1957, and  
73 biennially thereafter, for the election from their numbers by a plurality  
74 of votes of a warden, six burgesses, a clerk, a treasurer and a collector.  
75 All of said officers of said borough shall be sworn faithfully to perform  
76 the duties of their several offices, and shall hold office until the next  
77 meeting and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.  
78 Notice of any meeting shall be signed by the warden or any three  
79 burgesses, and shall designate the time and place of such meeting, the  
80 officers to be elected, and other business to be transacted thereat; and  
81 such notice shall be posted at least five days before the date of such  
82 meeting on the public signpost in said borough.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 1
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 2
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Number 271 of the special acts of 1899, Sec. 3