

## Plymouth Charter Review Committee 2015

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4-2-1 as follows: No representative town meeting member or elected town official representing the entire town shall hold simultaneously any other elected town office other than member of a charter commission. Any person who holds multiple offices in violation of this section shall promptly inform the town clerk as to which office that person will vacate. Election to any county, state or federal office other than county charter commission shall be an event disqualifying an elected town official, including, but not limited to, representative town meeting member, from continuing in an elected town *office beginning the day s/he is sworn in to the county, state, or federal office.*

The intent of this change is to avoid the situation when an elected town official, is elected to a state or federal office, as presently written that person is immediately ineligible to continue in their current role, despite the fact it can be many weeks before that person assumes their new office.

For example, in the last election, then Selectman Muratore was not allowed to continue as Selectman immediately upon election, although it was several weeks before he was sworn in as State Representative. It created confusion and could impact the town's ability to conduct business.

This change will allow the town to continue to conduct business until the swearing in date of the person in the newly elected position.

It can also allow the town time to implement the process to fill the soon to be vacated seat.

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