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- **Purpose:**

- To allow for a term contract to carry out the OPEB biennial actuarial valuation with the same professional actuary over multiple report cycles.*
- Current state law (Chapter 30B) sets a three-year contract term limit except as authorized by vote of Town Meeting. This constraint allows for only one or at most two report cycles with the same actuary.*



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Advantages of a longer-term contract for actuarial services

- Limited number of available actuaries with Massachusetts municipal experience;
- Cost of start-up with a new actuary; familiarity of town staff with the actuary's requirements;
- More effective use of scarce town staff time, familiarity of actuary with the town's data.



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Contracting for a longer term

- Initial selection for a longer term professional services contract would be at a set price or based on a set formula.
- Option would be solely at the Town's discretion at each biennial engagement.
- Contract terms would include town approval of assigned staff, and/or similar conditions



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