

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3827**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch and Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the membership of the Housing Commission in the town of Lincoln.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>5/1/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/1/2023</i>

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By Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3827) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the Housing Commission in the town of Lincoln. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act amending the membership of the Housing Commission in the town of Lincoln.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 359 of the acts of 1979, authorizing establishment of a housing  
2 commission in the town of Lincoln, is hereby amended by striking section 2 in its entirety and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:

4           SECTION 2. There shall be a commission, to be known as the Lincoln housing  
5 commission, to carry out the purposes of this act. Membership on the commission shall be  
6 restricted to residents of Lincoln. With respect to the organization of the commission and the  
7 selection of its members, the following provisions shall apply:

8           (1)    The Select Board shall appoint 7 members of the commission for staggered terms  
9 of 3 years; provided, however, that the town may, by bylaw, (a) decrease the membership to 5,  
10 whether through attrition or by terminating the terms of the 2 members with the shortest time left  
11 in their then-current appointment, or b) increase the membership back to 7. The Select Board

12 shall also adjust the terms of any new appointees so that the terms of no more than 3 members  
13 expire in any given year.

14 (2) The Select Board shall endeavor to have two of the appointed positions include a)  
15 a resident selected to represent the Council on Aging and Human Services (COA & HS), and b) a  
16 resident currently living in low-income housing, or low or moderate income senior housing, or  
17 moderate income housing, as such terms are defined by section 2 of chapter 44B of the general  
18 laws.

19 SECTION 2. An incumbent member of the commission holding office as of the effective  
20 date of this act shall continue to serve for the remainder of their unexpired term or sooner  
21 resignation; thereafter, appointments to the commission shall be made pursuant to chapter 359 of  
22 the acts of 1979 as revised.

23 SECTION 3. Chapter 127 of the acts of 1990 is hereby repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.