

HOUSE No. 3905

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney

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 expanding the Select Board of the town of Sharon.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>5/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to increase the membership of the select board in aid town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act expanding the Select Board of the town of Sharon.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in
2 the town of Sharon a Select Board consisting of five (5) members. The Select Board shall serve
3 as the chief executive officer and policymaking body of the town and have and exercise all the
4 powers and duties vested in boards of selectmen pursuant to the General Laws. Select Board
5 members shall serve for three-year terms with as nearly as possible one-third of the members
6 expiring each year, with no more than two Select Board members' terms to run concurrently.

7 SECTION 2. At the next annual town election following at least 90 days after the passage
8 date of this act in the General Court, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act shall be submitted to the
9 voters of the town of Sharon for acceptance at an annual town election to be held in said town in
10 the form of the following question which shall be placed on the official ballot:

11 "Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled 'An Act expanding the Select Board of
12 the Town of Sharon' be accepted?"

13 Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by Town Counsel and
14 approved by the Select Board. If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative,
15 sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act shall take effect in the town of Sharon, but not otherwise.

16 SECTION 3. At the first annual town election after the effective date of this act in the
17 Town of Sharon, one Select Board member in addition to the three members presently serving
18 shall be elected for a three-year term and one additional Select Board member shall be elected
19 for a two-year term. The terms of those members presently serving as Select Board members at
20 the time of the adoption of this act shall be unchanged by the adoption of this act.

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