

HOUSE No. 3948

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

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 relative to the Board of Selectmen of the town of Fairhaven.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>6/22/2021</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the Board of Selectmen of the town of Fairhaven.

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, the number of
2 members on the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen shall be increased from three to five. The Board
3 of Selectmen shall annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

4 SECTION 2. At the first Annual Town Election to occur following the effective date of
5 this act, three selectmen shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in
6 that election shall serve a three-year term. The candidate receiving the second highest number of
7 votes shall serve a two-year term. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall
8 serve a one-year term. Thereafter, as the terms of selectmen expire, successors shall be elected
9 for terms of three years.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.