

HOUSE No. 4818

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin

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 increasing the membership of the Select Board for the Town of Lancaster.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>6/27/2024</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>6/27/2024</i>

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By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4818) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to increase the membership of its select board. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act increasing the membership of the Select Board for the Town of Lancaster.

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 provision of any general or special law to the contrary,
2 the number of members of the Select Board of the Town of Lancaster shall be increased from
3 three (3) to five (5). The Select Board shall annually elect a chairperson from among its
4 members.

5 SECTION 2: At the first Annual Town Election following acceptance of this act by the
6 voters of the Town, but in no event prior to the 2026 Annual Town Election, three (3) Select
7 Board members shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in that
8 election shall serve a three (3) year term, the candidate receiving the second highest number of
9 votes shall serve a two (2) year term, and the candidate receiving the third highest number of
10 votes shall serve a one (1) year term. Thereafter, as the terms of the Select Board members
11 expire, successors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.

12 The terms of those members currently serving as Select Board members at the time of
13 adoption of this act shall be unchanged by the adoption of this act.

14 SECTION 3: This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the Town of
15 Lancaster at the next Annual or Special Town Election following its passage, in the form of the
16 following question which shall be placed on the official ballot:

17 "Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled, 'An Act increasing the membership of
18 the Select Board of the Town of Lancaster' be accepted?"

19 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, sections 1
20 and 2 of this act shall thereupon take effect, but not otherwise.

21 SECTION 4: Section 3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.