

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5282**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt 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 providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>8/30/2022</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>8/30/2022</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5282) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth.

*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 office of  
2 Stormwater Officer for the Town of Rehoboth is hereby established as an appointed, rather than  
3 elected position. The Stormwater Officer shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be  
4 subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on  
5 Stormwater Officers. The Stormwater Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of  
6 the town for a term not to exceed three years and may be removed by the Board of Selectmen of  
7 the town. The Board of Selectmen may establish an employment contract with the Stormwater  
8 Officer for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited  
9 to, severance pay, reimbursement for expense incurred in the performance of the duties of office,  
10 liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination dismissal, reappointment, performance  
11 standards and leave. A vacancy in such office shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired  
12 portion of the term.

13           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1, the previous elected  
14 Stormwater Officer upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to  
15 perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term and the appointment and qualification  
16 of a Stormwater Officer or a precedent vacating of office.

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