

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2843**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 select board of the town of Wenham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*Jamie Zahlaway Belsito*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

*4th Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2842) of Bruce E. Tarr and Jamie  
Zahlaway Belsito (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the select board of the town of  
Wenham. 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 relative to the select board of the town of Wenham.

*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 Wenham 5-member select board. The Select Board shall serve as the chief executive  
3 officer and policymaking entity of the Town and have and exercise all the powers and duties  
4 vested in boards of selectmen pursuant. Select Board members shall serve for 3-year terms with,  
5 as nearly as possible 1/3 of the members’ terms expiring each year.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Wenham at the next  
7 annual town election following not less than 35 days after the effective date of this act in the  
8 form of the following question;

9           “Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act expanding the Select Board of  
10 the town of Wenham’ be accepted?”

11 Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by town counsel and  
12 approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative,  
13 sections 1-3 of this shall effect in the town of Wenham, but not otherwise.

14 SECTION 3. If the ballot question authorized by section 2 of this act shall be approved  
15 then at the following annual election occurring at least 60 days thereafter, the candidate receiving  
16 the highest number of votes of the three year term shall be declared to be elected and the  
17 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the two year term shall be declared to be  
18 elected, respectively.

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