

HOUSE No. 4388

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 making the charter of the Town of Sudbury gender neutral.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2020</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2020</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4388) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Michael J. Barrett and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Sudbury be authorized to make the charter of said town gender neutral. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act making the charter of the Town of Sudbury gender neutral.

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. The title of section 5 of part III of section 1 of the charter of the town of
2 Sudbury, as established by chapter 131 of the acts of 1994, as amended, which is on file in the
3 office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the
4 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting
5 in place thereof the following words:- select board.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of said section 5 of said part III of said section 1 of said
7 charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place
8 thereof the following words:- select board.

9 SECTION 3. Section 1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b)
10 of said section 5 of said part III and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

11 (b) Power and duties.

12 The executive powers of the Town shall be vested in the select board. The select board
13 shall have all of the powers and duties given to boards of selectmen under the constitution and
14 laws of the commonwealth and such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this
15 act, by by-law or by other town meeting vote. The select board shall cause the laws and orders
16 for the government of the Town to be enforced and shall cause a record of its official acts to be
17 maintained. The select board shall be the chief policy making board of the town and shall act by
18 the issuance of policy statements and guidelines to be followed and implemented by all town
19 agencies serving under the board.

20 The select board shall be the licensing authority of the Town and shall have power to
21 issue licenses, to make all necessary rules and regulations regarding the issuance of such
22 licenses, and to attach such conditions and restrictions thereto as it deems to be in the public
23 interest, and to enforce the laws relating to all business for which it issues licenses.

24 To aid the select board in the conduct of its official business and duties, the select board
25 shall appoint a town manager.

26 SECTION 4. Subsection (c) of said section 5 of said part III of said section 1 of said
27 charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear
28 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

29 SECTION 5. Section 6 of part IV of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended by
30 striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear and inserting in place thereof,
31 in each instance, the following words:- select board.

32 SECTION 6. Section 7 of said part IV of said section 1 of said charter is hereby
33 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear and inserting in
34 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

35 SECTION 7. Section 10 of said part IV of said section 1 of said charter is hereby
36 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear and inserting in
37 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

38 SECTION 8. Section 11 of said part IV of said section 1 of said charter is hereby
39 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear and inserting in
40 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

41 SECTION 9. Section 12 of part V of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended by
42 striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
43 select board.

44 SECTION 10. Section 13 of said part V of said section 1 of said charter is hereby
45 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
46 following words:- select board.

47 SECTION 11. Section 14 of part VI of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended
48 by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following
49 words:- select board.

50 SECTION 12. Section 15 of said part VI of said section 1 of said charter is hereby
51 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” each time they appear and inserting in
52 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon its passage.