

HOUSE No. 3820

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard M. Haggerty

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 regulating the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Richard M. Haggerty, Cindy F. Friedman and Michelle L. Ciccolo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to allow the mayor of the city of Woburn to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Woburn Library Corporation. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act regulating the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation.

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. Chapter 273 of the acts of 1885 is hereby amended by striking out “not
2 exceeding three hundred thousand dollars in value,” from the second sentence of section 2;

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 273 of the acts of 1885 is hereby amended by striking out section 4,
4 as most recently amended by Chapter 261 of the acts of 1915, and section 5, and inserting in
5 place thereof the following section:

6 Section 4. Subject to confirmation by the city council, the mayor of the city of Woburn, is
7 authorized to appoint no more than nine members of the board of trustees of the Woburn Public
8 Library Corporation, who must be Woburn residents, in such a manner that one third thereof
9 shall serve for a term of one year, one third shall serve for a term of two years, and one third
10 shall serve for a term of three years, and thereafter one third shall be appointed for a term of

11 three years. Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled by the mayor subject to
12 confirmation of the city council. The appointed members of the board of trustees, shall constitute
13 the board of trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation with all the powers appurtenant
14 to trustees of a free public library, except as otherwise herein provided. The board of trustees
15 shall elect annually from among its members a president and a clerk. The mayor shall have sole
16 power of appointment of the library director. The city treasurer shall act as treasurer for the
17 corporation without providing additional bond.

18 SECTION 3. Chapter 273 of the acts of 1885 is hereby amended by striking out section 6,
19 as most recently amended by Chapter 261 of the acts of 1915 and inserting in place thereof the
20 following section:

21 Section 5. The trustees shall provide to the mayor and city council in the month of
22 January, an annual report of their proceedings in the previous year, together with a statement of
23 the condition of the library, its property, and a summary of the programs, projects, activities and
24 events offered to the community. The trustees shall provide to the mayor and city council an
25 annual audit of all trust funds held, including details of receipts and expenditures.

26 SECTION 4. The terms of the six current members of the board of trustees who were
27 appointed as so-called “lifetime trustees” or “lifetime members” and whose appointments
28 occurred more than three years ago, shall cease immediately upon the passage of this act.

29 SECTION 5. This act shall be effective upon its passage.