

HOUSE No. 3727

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Meghan Kilcoyne and Anne M. Gobi

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 an increase in the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>8/23/2023</i>

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By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3727) of Meghan Kilcoyne and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act providing for an increase in the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling.

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, or by-law to the contrary, the
2 number of members of the select board of the town of Sterling shall be increased to 5 members.
3 At the next annual town election occurring at least 64 days following the effective date of this
4 act, the town shall elect 2 members in addition to the 1 member otherwise to be elected. One
5 member shall be elected for a 2-year term and 1 member for a 3-year term. Thereafter, all
6 members of the select board shall be elected for 3-year terms. The terms of those members
7 currently serving on the select board at the time of the adoption of this act shall be unchanged.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Sterling for
9 acceptance at an annual or special town election in the form of the following question, which
10 shall be placed on the official ballot:-

11 Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2023, entitled, "An Act Providing for
12 an Increase in the Membership of the Select Board in the Town of Sterling" be accepted?

13 Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by town counsel and
14 approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the
15 affirmative, section 1 of this act shall take effect in the town of Sterling, but not otherwise.

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