

SENATE No. 2371

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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 authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the board of selectmen.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Anne M. Gobi

Worcester and Hampshire

Kimberly N. Ferguson

1st Worcester

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2371) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the board of selectmen from 3 members to 5 members. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local approval received]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the board of selectmen.

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 the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 or of any general
2 or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the town of Rutland a 5-member select board,
3 with each member to be elected for terms of three years so arranged so that the term of at least 1
4 member shall expire each year. The select board, as the chief executive officer of the town, shall
5 have the powers and duties of a board of selectmen under the provisions of any general or special
6 law.

7 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21 or 69D of chapter 41 of the
8 general laws, or any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the Town of Rutland
9 a 5-member board of public works. the select board shall serve as the board of public works and
10 have all the powers and duties of a board of public works under the provisions of any general or
11 special law.

12 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 21 of chapter 40 of the general laws, the town
13 clerk, following consultation with the select board, shall replace any reference in the general
14 bylaws from: "board of selectmen" to "select board"; "selectman" to "select board member";
15 "chairman" to "chair" and to make such other grammatical changes as may be necessary and
16 appropriate.

17 SECTION 4. Action taken by the select board, board of public works, and the town
18 meeting increasing the size of the select board and authorizing the select board to act as the
19 board of public works shall hereby be ratified, validated, and confirmed to the same extent as if
20 the act had been in place prior thereto.

21 SECTION 5. Members of the select board serving as of the effective date of this act shall
22 continue to serve out the remainder of their unexpired terms or sooner vacating of the office.

23 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.