

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3356

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sheila C. Harrington*

*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 establishing a 3-member board of selectmen in the town of Ayer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>

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By Ms. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3356) of Sheila C. Harrington and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) relative to reducing the number of members of the board of selectmen from five to three in the town of Ayer. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act establishing a 3-member board of selectmen in the town of Ayer.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Article 32. Reduction of Number of Selectmen from 5 to 3 Members

2           Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 and 2 of chapter forty-one of the  
3 General Laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be 3 members of  
4 the board of selectmen of the town of Ayer.

5           Section 2. In order to provide for a reduction in the number of members from 5 to 3, there  
6 shall appear on the ballot at the first annual election occurring at least 64 days following  
7 acceptance of this act the office of selectman, with the instruction “vote for three” and such other  
8 information as will aid the voters. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes at such  
9 election shall serve a term of 3 years, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes  
10 shall serve a term of 2 years and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall  
11 serve a term of 1 year. Next to the name of any incumbent selectman appearing on the ballot as a  
12 candidate for election to said office shall appear the words, “candidate for re-election”. No other  
13 term of office for selectmen shall terminate and the board of selectmen shall be immediately  
14 reconstituted as a 3-member board. Thereafter, all members of the board of selectmen shall be  
15 elected to terms of 3 years.

16           Section 3. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Ayer at  
17 an annual or special election in the form of the following question:

18           Shall the an act passed by the General Court in the year 2013 entitled “An Act  
19 Decreasing the Size of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer”, be accepted?

20           If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, sections one  
21 and two of this act shall therefore take full effect in the town of Ayer, but not otherwise.

22           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage. Or take any action thereon or in  
23 relation thereto.