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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark and Benjamin B. Downing

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 Health in the Town of Charlemont.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

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By Representative Mark of Peru and Senator Downing, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3635) of Paul W. Mark and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) that the town of Charlemont be authorized to change from a five member board of health to a three member board of health in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act establishing a 3-member Board of Health in the Town of Charlemont.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be 3 members of the Board of Health in the Town of Charlemont

Section 2. In order to provide for a reduction in the number of members from 5 to 3, there shall appear on the ballot at the first annual election occurring at least 64 days following the effective date of this act, the office of the Board of Health, with the instruction to vote for 3 candidates and other such information as will aid the voters. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes at the election shall serve a term of 3 years, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a term of 2 years and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a term of 1 year. Next to the name of any incumbent Board of Health member appearing on the ballot as a candidate for election to said office shall appear

12 the words, "candidate for re-election". No other term of office for a Board of Health member
13 shall appear on the ballot at such election. Upon election of 3 Board of Health members, the
14 terms of the incumbent members of the 5 member Board shall terminate and the Board of Health
15 shall be immediately reconstituted a s a 3 member board. Thereafter, all members of the Board of
16 Health shall be elected to terms of 3 years.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.