

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4077**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer E. Benson*

*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 the Appointed Office of Town Clerk in the Town of Ayer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/1/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>12/4/2017</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish an appointed position of town clerk in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act Establishing the Appointed Office of Town Clerk 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           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be  
2 established in the town of Ayer the appointed position of town clerk. The town clerk shall be  
3 appointed and may be removed by the Ayer board of selectmen, and shall serve at its pleasure.  
4 The town clerk shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties  
5 imposed by law on town clerks.

6           SECTION 2. As of the effective date of this act, the elected office of town clerk shall be  
7 abolished and the term of the elected incumbent terminated, provided, however, that the  
8 incumbent holding the office of town clerk as of the effective date of this act shall become the  
9 first appointed town clerk, and shall serve in such capacity for a period of time equivalent to the  
10 remainder of the incumbent’s elected term or sooner vacating of office. Thereafter,  
11 appointments to the position of town clerk shall be made in accordance with section 1.

12           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Or take any other action relative  
13 thereto.