

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5122**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds***

*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 relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Becket.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>10/21/2020</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>10/21/2020</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5122) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Becket be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen in said town to the select board. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Becket.

*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, the executive  
2 body of the town of Becket, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the  
3 select board, and shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general  
4 or special laws; and the charter of the town of Becket, as established by chapter 662 of the acts of  
5 1989, and as it has been amended from time to time, and is on file in the office of the archivist of  
6 the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby  
7 amended by striking the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the words  
8 “select board”, and by striking the words “selectman” and “selectmen” and inserting in place  
9 thereof the words “select board member” or “select board members”, as appropriate.

10           SECTION 2. Section 3 of said charter shall be amended to add the following to the end of  
11 section 3:

12            Said Select Board shall, except as otherwise provided herein, have all the powers, duties  
13 and responsibilities of a Board of Selectmen as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, as  
14 well as those set forth by this Charter.

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