

HOUSE No. 5192

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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 gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Ashland replacing all gendered references to Board of Selectmen with Select Board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/2/2020</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5192) of Jack Patrick Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashland 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)**

An Act relative to gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Ashland replacing all gendered references to Board of Selectmen with Select Board.

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. The Ashland Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by replacing any
2 gender specific references to “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” with gender neutral wording;
3 specifically, deleting the word “Selectmen” or “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in its place
4 the word “Select Board” wherever they appear.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage by the General Court.