

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 634**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John Barrett, III 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 election of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District (towns of Adams and Cheshire) Committee members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/8/2019</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of John Barrett, III and Adam G. Hinds relative to the annual election of members to serve on the school committee of the Adams Cheshire Regional School District. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court**  
**(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the election of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District (towns of Adams and Cheshire) Committee members.

*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 section 14E of chapter 71 of the General Laws, the towns  
2 of  
3 Adams and Cheshire may annually elect members to serve on the School Committee of  
4 the  
5 Adams Cheshire Regional School District, (to become known as the Hoosac Valley  
6 Regional  
7 School District) on the same date and time as the annual elections in each town; provided,  
8 however, that the members’ elections shall take place pursuant to the Regional  
9 Agreement  
10 between the towns of Adams and Cheshire.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

12 For your reference, this is the law that requires the biennial elections.

13 Section 14E: Regional school district committee membership options

14 Section 14E. A regional school district may, by amendment to its regional school district

15 agreement, provide for one of the following options concerning the members of its

16 regional

17 district school committee: (1) electing committee members by voters in member

18 communities

19 with each community's representation apportioned according to population; (2) electing

20 members in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections; (3) electing

21 members with residency requirements in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial

22 state

23 elections; (4) weighing the votes of committee members according to the population they

24 represent; and (5) appointing committee members by locally elected officials such as

25 school

26 board members. Each regional school district shall designate an individual to serve as

27 district

28 clerk.

29           If a regional school district decides to elect members in district-wide elections to be held  
30 at the  
31           biennial state elections or if any vacancy is to be so filled, the district clerk shall notify  
32 the state  
33           secretary by April fifteenth of the year of the biennial