

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2205**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 Ware selectboard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2205) of Todd M. Smola and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Ware be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to selectboard in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5155 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the Ware selectboard.

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

1           ARTICLE 25. Passed by a Majority vote in favor that the Town authorize the Board of  
2   Selectmen to petition the legislature for a special act of legislation “Notwithstanding any general  
3   or special law or charter provision or bylaw or regulation to the contrary, the executive body of  
4   the Town of Ware, previously known as the Board of Selectmen, shall henceforth be known as  
5   the Selectboard and shall have all of the powers, duties, responsibilities and authority of  
6   “selectmen” or “board of selectmen” under any federal law or regulation and under any general  
7   or special Massachusetts law or regulation and under any charter provisions or bylaws or  
8   regulations of the Town of Ware; provided, that the legislature may reasonably change the form  
9   and substance of the requested legislation with the scope of the general public objectives of this  
10   petition.”