

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3825**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio*

*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 amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>5/11/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>5/12/2021</i>

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By Representative Kelcourse of Amesbury and Senator DiZoglio, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3825) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the position of school committee chair in the city of Amesbury. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair.

*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 charter of the city of Amesbury, as on file with the archivist of the  
2 commonwealth, in accordance with section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws, is hereby  
3 amended by deleting subsection 3(a) of section 4 of part IV of said chapter and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following:-

5           There shall be a school committee composed of seven members. Six members shall be  
6 nominated and elected by and from the voters at large, and the seventh member shall be the  
7 mayor. The term of office of the six school committee members elected to the school committee  
8 shall be four years. Terms of office shall be so arranged that the terms of nearly an equal number  
9 of members is possible expire at each regular election. Following each biennial city election, the  
10 school committee shall recognize and choose from amongst its membership a chair, a vice chair,  
11 and a clerk.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said city at the next biennial city  
13 election in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be  
14 used at said election:-

15 Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2021 entitled "An Act Amending the  
16 Charter of the City of Amesbury Relative to the Position of School Committee Chair, be  
17 accepted?"

18 Below said question shall appear a brief summary of the act prepared by the city solicitor.  
19 If the voters approve this question, this act shall be applicable to the city of Amesbury, but not  
20 otherwise. If approved, any person elected as mayor at said biennial election may, but need not at  
21 the discretion of the school committee, serve as chair.

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