

HOUSE No. 4627

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 transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>3/16/2022</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>3/16/2022</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4627) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Stockbridge be authorized to transfer original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to the transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge.

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 7 and 8 of chapter 66 of the General Laws or any
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Stockbridge may return all original
3 documents, created by any of the people of the Mohican Nation prior to 1870, currently or in the
4 future found to be in the possession of the town, to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the
5 Mohican Nation upon an authorizing vote by the board of selectmen. Upon return of any such
6 document the Stockbridge-Munsee Community shall own all rights, title and interest to the
7 document. The town may retain copies of such documents for municipal record retention
8 purposes in lieu of any otherwise applicable requirement to retain the original documents.

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