

HOUSE No. 5037

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/1/2022</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5037) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) that the town of Sudbury be authorized to further regulate the Historic District Commission in said town. 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 Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury.

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. Chapter 40 of the acts of 1963 is hereby amended by striking out section 12
2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 SECTION 12. Changes in Historic District — The district established by section 2 may
4 be enlarged or reduced and new districts may be created by a two-thirds vote at any regular or
5 special town meeting called for the purpose.

6 Prior to the establishment of any historic district, the historic districts commission of the
7 town shall conduct an investigation and prepare a report on the historical and architectural
8 significance of the buildings, structures or sites to be included in the proposed historic district or
9 districts. The report shall be completed within 90 days of the proposal being submitted to the
10 Town and upon competition, copies of the report shall be transmitted to the planning board for
11 its consideration and recommendations. The report shall list all the properties to be included in

12 the new or revised district and shall include reference to any existing surveys of the historical
13 and architectural significance of each parcel in the proposed district or districts.

14 Within 60 days of the transmission of said report, the historic districts commission shall
15 hold a public hearing on the report, duly advertised at least fourteen days prior to the date
16 thereof, which shall include a written notice to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the owners of all
17 properties to be included in such district or districts, as they appear on the most recent real estate
18 tax list of the board of assessors.

19 Within 30 days after said public hearing, the historic districts commission shall submit a
20 final report with its recommendations to the select board, and, should the historic districts
21 commission recommend enlarging or reducing any historic district or districts, or creating a new
22 historic district or districts, the historic districts commission shall submit a map of the proposed
23 district or districts and a draft of the revised bylaw for its consideration at the next town meeting.

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