

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5216**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III***

*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 to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough Board of Selectmen.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>8/8/2022</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5216) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to changing the board of selectmen of the town of Lanesborough to a select board. 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 to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough Board of Selectmen.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, the executive  
2 body of the town of Lanesborough, previously known as the Board of Selectmen, shall be known  
3 as the Select Board and shall have the powers and authority of a Board of Selectmen under any  
4 general or special law; provided, that the members of the Select Board, previously known as  
5 Selectmen, shall be known as Select Board members.

6           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding sections 21 and 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws,  
7 section 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the  
8 select board of the town of Lanesborough may amend the general by-laws and zoning by-laws of  
9 the town by majority vote to revise all references to the board of selectmen and its members to  
10 select board and select board member, respectively, in accordance with section 1.

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