

HOUSE No. 880

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dean Campbell

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 requiring reserve electric power at wastewater treatment facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 880) of Linda Dean Campbell and others relative to requiring reserve electric power at wastewater treatment facilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 752 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act requiring reserve electric power at wastewater treatment facilities.

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 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 43 the following section:-

3 Section 43A. Any publicly owned wastewater treatment facility shall have an on-site
4 reserve source of electric power available when there is failure to receive adequate electric power
5 from a utility or other primary source. Such reserve source shall have the capability to generate
6 as needed, electric power of sufficient capacity for the full operation of the facility during a
7 power failure, independent of any local utility, regional electrical grid or other primary source.

8 The operator of the facility shall conduct regular tests of the reserve power source to
9 assess its proper operation, at least once each annual quarterly period.

10 On and after January 1, 2024, every publicly owned wastewater treatment facility shall
11 have and maintain an on-site reserve source of electric power that complies with this section, and
12 any applicable regulation and requirement, including under an approved facility operations plan
13 or permit, of the department of environment protection.