

**SENATE . . . . . No. 475**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 supporting parents running for public office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 475) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Joan Meschino, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to support working parents who choose to run for public office. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 408 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act supporting parents running for public office.

*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. Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definition:-

3           “Child care,” care provided to a candidate’s child, including but not limited to,  
4 professional or casual baby-sitting services, non-profit or for profit organizations that provide  
5 such services, and any other costs directly related to such services that occur as a result of  
6 campaign activities. Expenses may not include payments to a relative of a child, unless the  
7 relative owns or operates a professional daycare or babysitting service and the cost of the service  
8 is no greater than the relative would otherwise charge.

9           SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “office”, in line 66, the  
11 following: -

12           or expenses relating to the provision of child care services that would not otherwise exist  
13 but for the existence of the campaign.

14           SECTION 3. The director of the office of campaign and political finance shall  
15 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this act no later than July 1, 2021.