

SENATE . . . . . No. 475

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:	
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	
Joan Meschino	3rd Plymouth	
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/24/2021
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester	2/26/2021
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	3/2/2021
John J. Cronin	Worcester and Middlesex	3/3/2021
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	3/3/2021
Susan L. Moran	Plymouth and Barnstable	3/4/2021
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	3/5/2021
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	3/8/2021
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	4/6/2021
Mathew J. Muratore	1st Plymouth	5/6/2021
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	5/10/2021
Adam G. Hinds	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden	5/12/2021
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	12/16/2021

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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.]

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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.