

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3579**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Daniel J. Hunt***

*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 empowering parental participation in elected office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/25/2023</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>6/27/2023</i>

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By Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3579) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian, Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to child care for candidates for public office. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act empowering parental participation in elected 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 2020  
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 2020  
10 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “to”, in line 64, the following:-  
11 the provision of child care services that would not otherwise exist but for the existence of the

12 campaign and that are incurred within eighteen months prior to an election in which there is  
13 reasonable cause to believe that the candidate will appear on the ballot, to

14 SECTION 3. The director of the office of campaign and political finance shall  
15 promulgate additional rules and regulations to implement this Act no later than two months after  
16 the effective date of this Act.

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