

HOUSE No. 3985

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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 establishing an appointed town clerk in the town of Rutland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>6/28/2023</i>

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By Representative Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3985) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) that the town of Rutland be authorized to establish an appointed town clerk in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act establishing an appointed town clerk in the town of Rutland.

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, there shall be
2 established in the Town of Rutland the office of appointed town clerk. The select board of the
3 town shall appoint and may remove the town clerk, and the town clerk shall serve at the pleasure
4 of the select board. The town clerk shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the
5 liabilities and penalties imposed by law on town clerks.

6 SECTION 2. The change in manner of selection of the town clerk described in section 1
7 of this act shall take effect upon the retirement of the town clerk holding office on May 6, 2023
8 annual town meeting, or her sooner vacating of office, at which time the elected town clerk
9 position shall be abolished and appointments to the position of town clerk shall be made in
10 accordance with section 1.

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