

HOUSE No. 5085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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 extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/22/2024</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/22/2024</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/22/2024</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/22/2024</i>

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By Representative Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5085) of Ruth B. Balser and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton.

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 or local law to the contrary, any
2 member of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm or wires division of the City of
3 Newton shall, within nine months of appointment, reside within the City of Newton or within
4 thirty-five miles of Newton's city limits, or within such distance of Newton's city limits as set
5 under a collective bargaining agreement negotiated under chapter 150E. Said distance shall be
6 measured from the closest Newton border limits to the closest border limits of the city or town in
7 which said member resides.

8 Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.