

HOUSE No. 4097

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold

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 increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Merrimac from 3 members to 5 members.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Dawne Shand</i> | <i>1st Essex</i> | <i>8/22/2023</i> |
| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>8/22/2023</i> |

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By Representative Shand of Newburyport and Senator Finegold, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) that the town of Merrimac be authorized to increase the number of select board members 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 increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Merrimac from 3 members to 5 members.

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, the number of
2 members of the select board of the town of Merrimac shall be increased from 3 members to 5
3 members, with the select board annually electing a chairperson from among its members.

4 SECTION 2. At the first annual town election following the effective date of this act, 3
5 members of the select board shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of
6 votes in that annual town election shall serve a 3-year term. The candidate receiving the second
7 highest number of votes shall serve a 2-year term. The candidate receiving the third highest
8 number of votes shall serve a 1-year term. Thereafter, as the terms of the members of the select
9 board expire, successors shall be elected for terms of 3 years.

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