

SENATE No. 422

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	
Joan Meschino	3rd Plymouth	
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/23/2023
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex	1/23/2023
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/2/2023
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/3/2023
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/7/2023
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/8/2023
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/10/2023
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	2/14/2023
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/15/2023
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/17/2023
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester and Hampshire	2/21/2023
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	2/27/2023
Manny Cruz	7th Essex	2/28/2023
Adam Gomez	Hampden	3/3/2023
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	3/6/2023

<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/24/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>5/17/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>9/22/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>10/12/2023</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/24/2024</i>
<i>Pavel Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2024</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 422) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Joan Meschino, Mike Connolly, 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 475 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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 so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the definition of “Candidate’s committee” the following definition:-

3 “Child-care services,” care services provided to a candidate’s child, including, but not
4 limited to, baby-sitting services by an individual, non-profit or for-profit organizations that
5 provide such services and any other costs directly related to such services that occur as a result of
6 campaign activities; provided, however, that expenses related to child-care services shall not
7 include payments to a family member, as defined in section 1 of chapter 50, of a child, unless the
8 family member owns, operates or is employed by a professional daycare or babysitting service,
9 and the cost of the service is not greater than the family member would otherwise charge.

10 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 inserting, after the word “office”, in line 66, the 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 campaign and political finance shall promulgate regulations
15 pursuant to section 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws not later than December 31, 2023.