

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2335**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Greg Schwartz***

*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>Greg Schwartz</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Amy Mah Sangiolo</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>

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By Representative Schwartz of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2335) of Greg Schwartz, John J. Lawn, Jr. and Amy Mah Sangiolo (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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5085 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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.