

HOUSE No. 4504

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr

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 making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>9/5/2025</i>

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By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4504) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to make the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2948 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral.

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. The first sentence of section 2.2 of article II of the charter of the county of
2 Nantucket is hereby amended by striking out the word “Selectmen,” and inserting in place
3 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board members.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2.2 of said article II of said charter is hereby further amended by
5 adding the following clause:-

6 The select board shall have the full role of and all of the powers and authority of a board
7 of selectmen under any general or special law and its members and officers shall have the full
8 role of and all of the powers and authority of the members and officers of a board of selectmen
9 under any general or special law.

10 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 2.3 of said article II of said charter is hereby
11 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen,” in each instance in which they appear,
12 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

13 SECTION 4. Subsection (d) of section 2.8 of said article II of said charter is hereby
14 amended by striking out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the
15 following words:- select board.

16 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.