

HOUSE No. 5333

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy

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 pertaining to Holyoke's residency requirement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/31/2026</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5333) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to amend its charter to require that elected officials be citizens and residents for at least two years. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act pertaining to Holyoke's residency requirement.

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 45 of the Holyoke City Charter shall be amended by deleting the
2 entire section and inserting the following:

3 “Sec. 45 Eligibility to hold office.

4 No person shall be eligible to any of the elected offices of city government unless they
5 are a citizen and have been a resident of the city for at least two years.”

6 SECTION 2: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to
7 the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the
8 General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments
9 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

10 SECTION 3: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.