

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5427**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David Paul Linsky*

*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 authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of Police Chief James Hicks beyond the age of 65.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/7/2026</i>

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By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5427) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to continue the employment of James Hicks, police chief in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of Police Chief James Hicks beyond the age of 65.

*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 I. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, James Hicks,  
2 Police Chief of the Town of Natick, may continue to serve in that position until reaching age 67,  
3 the date of his retirement, or the date he is relieved of his duties by the Select Board at their  
4 discretion, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable  
5 of performing the duties of Police Chief. The Select Board may, at the Town's own expense,  
6 require that James Hicks be examined annually by a physician designated by the Select Board, to  
7 determine such physical and mental capability to perform the duties of his office.

8           No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of James Hicks,  
9 pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for service subsequent to his reaching age 65; and  
10 upon retirement for superannuation, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal  
11 to the allowance that he would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching age 65.