

HOUSE No. 5462

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 amending the charter of the town of Middleton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/26/2026</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>5/27/2026</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/26/2026</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5462) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Sally P. Kerans and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to recall petitions in the charter of the town of Middleton. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act amending the charter of the town of Middleton.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The charter of the town of Middleton, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the
2 commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby
3 amended by inserting at the end of subsection 3-1-1 the following:-

4 “Any elected officer of the Town, and the Middleton members of the regional school
5 committee, may be recalled and removed from public office by the voters of the Town as herein
6 provided. Any voter of the Town may file with the Select Board a petition containing the name
7 and title of the elective officer whose removal is sought together with a statement of the grounds
8 for their removal. Said petition shall be filed with said Board and shall be signed in ink or
9 indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least twelve percent of the
10 voters registered at the last regular municipal election, provided that no recall petition may be
11 filed against any officer until he shall have their office before the taking of such vote. Said recall

- 12 vote shall be called and conducted in the same manner as is provided by General Law for the call
- 13 and conduct of a special election.”