

HOUSE No. 5542

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Margaret R. Scarsdale and Vanna Howard

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 providing for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>6/22/2026</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>6/22/2026</i>

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By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell and Senator Howard, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Vanna Howard for legislation to provide for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act providing for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee.

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 the Groton-Dunstable regional school district agreement,
2 section 16A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the
3 contrary, the vacancy in 1 of the 2 Dunstable seats on the Groton-Dunstable regional school
4 district committee following the 2026 Dunstable annual town election may be filled by the
5 Dunstable select board and the remaining Dunstable member of the Groton-Dunstable regional
6 school district committee, acting jointly by majority vote, by appointing a member to serve a 3-
7 year term until the 2029 Dunstable annual town election.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.