

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4441**

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**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 amending the charter for the town of Nantucket.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                      | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Thomas W. Moakley</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>7/30/2025</i> |

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By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4441) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2438 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act amending the charter for the town of Nantucket.

*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 2.2 of article II of the charter of the town of Nantucket, as  
2 established by chapter 289 of the acts of 1996, as amended, which is on file in the office of the  
3 archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is  
4 hereby amended by striking out the words “one year” and inserting in place thereof the following  
5 words:- three years.

6           SECTION 2. Section 2.4 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by inserting  
7 after the words “Moderator shall appoint a clerk” the following words:- , who shall be a  
8 registered voter of the town.

9 SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of section 2.5 of said article II of said charter is hereby  
10 amended by inserting after the words “after the issuance of the warrant” the following words:-  
11 and make a copy of the warrant available on the town website.

12 SECTION 4. Subsection (c) of said section 2.5 of said article II of said charter is hereby  
13 amended by striking out the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
14 fourteen.

15 SECTION 5. Said section 2.5 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by  
16 inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:- (d) Notwithstanding any general or  
17 special law to the contrary, the Select Board shall insert in the warrant for the annual meeting all  
18 subjects the insertion of which has been requested of them in writing by fifty or more registered  
19 voters of the town and in the warrant for every special town meeting all subjects the insertion of  
20 which has been requested of them in writing by one hundred registered voters.

21 SECTION 6. Section 2.6 of said article II of said charter is hereby amended by inserting  
22 at the end of said section the following words:- The Moderator, in his or her sole discretion, may  
23 permit additional nonresident property owners to speak at any annual or special Town Meeting  
24 on matters before the Meeting.

25 SECTION 7. Paragraph (14) of subsection (d) of section 4.2 of article IV of said charter  
26 is hereby amended by striking out the words “before such warrants are submitted to the Select  
27 Board” and by inserting after the words “shall approve” the following words:- and sign.

28 SECTION 8. Subsection (a) of section 4.3 of said article IV of said charter is hereby  
29 amended by inserting after the words “shall appoint the” the following word:- department.

30 SECTION 9. Subsection (c) of section 5.4 of article V of said charter is hereby amended  
31 by inserting after the words “at least 20% of registered voters” the following words:- , as  
32 established by the Town Clerk as of March 1st of the previous year.

33 SECTION 10. Subsection (d) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is hereby  
34 amended by striking out the numeral “7” after the words “does not resign within” and inserting  
35 in place thereof the following numeral:- 5.

36 SECTION 11. Said subsection (d) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is  
37 hereby further amended by striking out the words “not less than 75 days after such certification  
38 date” and inserting after the words “the Select Board shall” the following words:- not less than  
39 75 days after such certification date.

40 SECTION 12. Subsection (f) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is hereby  
41 amended by inserting after the words “For the recall of (name” the following words:- and title.

42 SECTION 13. Said subsection (f) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is  
43 hereby further amended by inserting after the words “Against the recall of (name” the following  
44 words:- and title.

45 SECTION 14. Article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking out Section 6.6 in  
46 its entirety.