

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

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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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**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.