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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 expanding the select board of the Town of Tisbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas W. Moakley	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*	*8/5/2026*

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By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5655) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to expand the membership of the select board of the town of Tisbury. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act expanding the select board of the Town of Tisbury.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the town of Tisbury a select board consisting of five members. The select board shall serve as the chief executive officer and policy making body of the town and have and exercise alI the powers and duties vested in boards of selectmen pursuant to the General Laws. Select board members shall serve for 3-year terms with as nearly as possible one-third of the members' terms expiring each year.

SECTION 2. This act will be submitted to the voters of the town of Tisbury at a special election occurring not less than 35 days after the effective date of this act in the form of the following question:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled 'An Act expanding the select board of the town of Tisbury' be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative, sections 1 and 3 of this act shall take effect in the town of Tisbury, but not otherwise.

SECTION 3. If the ballot question authorized by Section 2 of this act shall be approved by the voters, two new offices of select board member shall be included on the ballot at the 2027 annual town election, one for a 3-year term and one for a 2-year term. The new offices shall appear on the ballot along with the 3-year term expiring in 2030 with instructions to voters to 'vote for 3" and such other information as will aid the voters. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the election shall serve for terms of three years, and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of two years.