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HOUSE . . . . . No. 5711

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Donaghue and James B. Eldridge

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 an appointed town clerk in the town of Southborough.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kate Donaghue	*19th Worcester*	*10/26/2026*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*10/26/2026*

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By Representative Donaghue of Westborough and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5711) of Kate Donaghue and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the select board) that the town of Southborough be authorized to appoint a town clerk. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for an appointed town clerk in the town of Southborough.

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 section 1 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established in the town of Southborough an office of appointed town clerk. The town clerk shall be appointed by and shall be removed by the select board of the town. The appointment of the town clerk shall be for a term not to exceed 3 years. The town clerk shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties imposed by law on town clerks.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1, any incumbent in the office of the town clerk upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold the office of town clerk and to perform the duties thereof until the appointment of a town clerk to perform said duties pursuant to the terms of this act, unless the incumbent sooner vacates such office. Thereafter, appointments to the position of town clerk shall be made in accordance with section 1.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.