

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 Montague Center Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District to continue the membership of members John Annear, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka, Richard Sawin and Sallie Sawin.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to authorize the Montague Center Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District to continue the membership of members John Annear, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka, Richard Sawin and Sallie Sawin. Public Service.

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

An Act authorizing the Montague Center Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District to continue the membership of members John Annear, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka, Richard Sawin and Sallie Sawin.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, David Rehorka,  
2 member of the Montague Center Fire District, John Annear, member of the Montague Center  
3 Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District, and Richard Sawin, Lawrence William Peters Jr.  
4 and Sallie Sawin, members of the Turners Falls Fire District, may continue serving in their  
5 positions until they reach 72 years of age or the date of their retirement or non-reappointment,  
6 whichever occurs first; provided, however, that they are mentally and physically capable of  
7 performing the duties of their position.

8           SECTION 2. The Prudential Committee of the Montague Center Fire District may, at the  
9 district’s expense, require that David Rehorka and John Annear be examined annually by a  
10 physician designated by the district to determine their physical and mental capability to perform  
11 the duties of their position.

12           SECTION 3. The Prudential Committee of the Turners Falls Fire District may, at the  
13 district's expense, require that John Annear, Richard Sawin, Lawrence William Peters Jr. and  
14 Sallie Sawin be examined annually by a physician designated by the district to determine their  
15 physical and mental capability to perform the duties of their position.

16           SECTION 4. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of John  
17 Annear, Richard Sawin, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka and Sallie Sawin pursuant  
18 to chapter 32 of the general laws subsequent to their reaching the age of 65 in connection with  
19 their service to the district for retirement or pension purposes.

20           SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.