

Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER

House, No. 4056

TITLE

An Act relative to the Lanesborough Select Board

SPONSORS

Representative Barrett of North Adams

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 41 Section 1 of MGL provides for a town to elect a board of selectmen, composed of 3 or more members, to serve terms of up to 3 years.

While various parts of the Lanesborough Bylaws refer to the Select Board, no section specifically deals with the size of the Board.

SUMMARY

Section 1 increases the number of members on the Lanesborough Select Board from three to five, with a chairperson within the Board to be elected from its members following Town Election.

Section 2 states that, at the first Town Election following passage of this bill, three members shall be elected. The top vote-getter will serve a term of three years, the second most vote-getter two years, and the third most one year, creating staggered terms of office. Thereafter, all members will serve terms of three years.

Section 3 states that this act will take effect immediately upon passage.

Language for this act was approved at the June 11, 2024 Lanesborough Town Meeting by a vote of 75 yeas to 25 nays.