

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4245

Title: An Act relative to the Mattapoisett select board

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Sylvia and Sen. Mark Montigny

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: July 22, 2025

Current Law: Chapter 41 of the Mass. General Laws, Section 1, requires each town to elect a board of selectmen consisting of three or more members, who serve terms of not more than three years.

Summary: Section 1 of the bill would allow the town of Mattapoisett to increase the number of members on the town select board from three to five, and to annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

Section 2 authorizes the town, at the first town election following passage of this act, to elect three members of the select board. The candidate receiving the most votes would serve three years, and the candidates who received the second and third highest number of votes would serve two years and one year, respectively. This would establish a staggered pattern of terms of office where successors would serve three year terms.

Section 3 provides for the act to take effect immediately.

Notes: This home rule petition was approved as Article 34 at the May 12, 2025 Annual Town Meeting; declared passed by simple majority vote.