

HOUSE No. 3907

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark and 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 relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Northfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul W. Mark

2nd Berkshire

Joanne M. Comerford

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester

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By Representative Mark of Peru and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3907) of Paul W. Mark and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Northfield be authorized to increase the size of the board of selectmen from three to five members. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Northfield.

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, there shall hereby be established in the town of Northfield a selectboard, which board
3 shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special laws.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
5 contrary, the selectboard in the town of Northfield shall consist of 5-members. Each selectboard
6 member shall serve for a 3-year term, with no more than 2 selectboard member's terms to run
7 concurrently.

8 SECTION 3. At the first annual town election following at least 64 days after the
9 effective date of this act, one additional selectboard member shall be elected for a 3-year term
10 and one additional selectboard member shall be elected to a 2-year term. The terms of those

11 members currently serving as selectboard members at the time of the adoption of this act shall be
12 unchanged by adoption of this act.

13 SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of
14 Northfield at a regular or special town election to be held in said town in the form of the
15 following question which shall be placed on the official ballot: "Shall an act passed by the
16 general Court in the year 2019, entitled 'An Act relative to the Board of Selectmen of the Town
17 of Northfield' be accepted?" Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by
18 the town counsel and approved by the selectboard. If a majority of the voters cast in answer to
19 the question is in the affirmative, section 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect in the town of
20 Northfield, but not otherwise.

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