

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4002**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant***

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*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 quasi-judicial boards in the town of Southbridge.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Peter J. Durant*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Worcester*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4002) of Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that the town of Southbridge be authorized to limit the membership of appointed or elected members of quasi-public boards to one such board in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to quasi-judicial boards in the town of Southbridge.

*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. The charter of the town of Southbridge, which is on file in the office of the  
2 archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out section 3-1-5 and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section:-

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6 Section 3-1-5: Any elected or appointed member of a quasi-judicial board, including the  
7 zoning board of appeals, the conservation commission, the board of health, the liquor licensing  
8 board, the planning board and the special permit granting authority, shall be limited to  
9 membership on one such board and ineligible to serve on any other such quasi-judicial board  
10 during that member's term.

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12 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws, this act  
13 shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Southbridge in the form of the following question  
14 which shall be placed on the ballot at a regular or special town election to be held in the year  
15 2016:

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17 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2016, entitled ‘An Act relative to  
18 quasi-judicial boards in the town of Southbridge’ be accepted?”

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20 The town counsel of the town of Southbridge shall cause a fair and concise summary of  
21 the question to be included below the ballot question.

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23 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to this question are in the affirmative, this act  
24 shall take effect in the town of Southbridge, but not otherwise.

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