

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4847**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

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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 change the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Billerica to select board to exhibit gender neutrality.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc T. Lombardo*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*22nd Middlesex*

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4847) of Marc T. Lombardo (by vote of the town) that the town of Billerica be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen in said town to the select board. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to change the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Billerica to select board to exhibit gender neutrality.

*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 Billerica, 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 replacing the terms “board of selectmen”, “board of selectman”, “board” or  
4           “selectmen”, appearing in a context where reference is made to the entire board of selectmen,  
5           with the following term:- select board.

6           SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended to replace any reference to  
7           individual members of the board of selectmen with the following term:- select board member.

8           SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of section 3-2 of said charter is hereby amended by adding  
9           the following paragraph:-

10           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of the  
11 town of Billerica, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the select  
12 board, and shall have all of the powers and duties of a board of selectmen as provided in the  
13 general or special laws or in the charter of the town of Billerica, except as otherwise provided in  
14 said charter.

15           SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.