

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1949**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan B. Lovely*

*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 authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Topsfield to appoint the town clerk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1949) of Joan B. Lovely and Bradford R. Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the board of selectmen of the town of Topsfield to appoint the town clerk. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Topsfield to appoint the town clerk.

*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 Chapter 41 of the General Laws or any  
2 other general law, special law or bylaw to the contrary, the Office of Town Clerk in the Town of  
3 Topsfield shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Town Clerk shall be governed by  
4 the Town of Topsfield Personnel Bylaw and shall have all the powers, perform all the duties and  
5 be subject to the liabilities and penalties conferred and imposed by the law on town clerks.

6           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 1, the position of elected Town Clerk shall be  
7 abolished upon the expiration of the term of the current elected incumbent, and provided further  
8 that such incumbent shall also then become the first appointed Town Clerk, unless sooner  
9 resignation, retirement or removal.

10          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.