

SENATE No. 2387

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 appointing the town clerk of the town of Wenham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2387) of Bruce E. Tarr, Sally P. Kerans and Jerald A. Parisella (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to appointing the town clerk of the town of Wenham. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local approval received]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to appointing the town clerk of the town of Wenham.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be
2 established in the town of Wenham the position of appointed town clerk. The town clerk shall be
3 appointed and may be removed by the select board and shall serve at the pleasure of the select
4 board. The town clerk shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to the liabilities and
5 penalties imposed by town clerks.

6 SECTION 2. If approved by the General Court, this act shall be submitted as a ballot
7 question to the voters of the Town of Wenham at the next Town Election in the following form:
8 “Shall an act be passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act regarding Appointing the Town
9 Clerk of the Town of Wenham’ be accepted?”

10 SECTION 3. If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative, Section 1
11 of this shall be in effect in the Town of Wenham, but not otherwise.

12 SECTION 4. Upon the affirmative vote, the elected office of the Town Clerk shall be
13 abolished and the term of the elected official incumbent terminated; provided however, that the
14 incumbent holding the office of the Town Clerk on the effective date of the vote shall serve for a
15 period of 5 months thereafter as the appointed Town Clerk. Thereafter, appointments to the
16 position of the Town Clerk shall be made in accordance with Section 1.