

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE STATE SECRETARY IN RESPECT
TO THE PETITION OF AUGUSTA HORNBLOWER AND
THE TRUSTEES OF THE LAWRENCE ACADEMY AT
GROTON RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER AND TERMS OF
OFFICE OF SAID TRUSTEES.

April 1, 1991.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

On March 21, 1991 the Clerk of the House transmitted the above referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to General Laws Chapter 3, section 7.

The Trustees of the Lawrence Academy at Groton was incorporated as the Groton Academy by Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1793 for the purpose of promoting piety and virtue and for the education of youth in such languages and in liberal arts and sciences as directed by the trustees. Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1846 changed the corporation's name to its present title. The charter was further amended by Chapter 267 of the Acts of 1973 to increase the number of trustees to no more than twenty-five nor less than nine, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business.

The bill before you seeks to increase the maximum number of trustees to no more than 40.

Special legislation is necessary to accomplish the desired result. This office has no opinion on the merits of the legislation. No fee is required to be paid by a corporation of this type pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3, section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. CONNOLLY,
Secretary of State

By Ms. Hornblower of Groton, petition of the Trustees of the Lawrence Academy at Groton and Augusta Hornblower relative to the number and terms of office of said trustees. Education, Arts and Humanities.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LAWRENCE ACADEMY AT GROTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1793 is hereby amended by striking
2 out the fifth enacting clause as amended by Chapter 267 of the
3 Acts of 1973 and inserting in place thereof the following enacting
4 clause: —

5 Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the number
6 of said trustees shall not at any one time be more than forty, nor
7 less than nine, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for doing
8 business and a majority of the members present at any legal
9 meeting shall decide all questions proper to come before the
10 Trustees — that the major part of them shall consist of persons
11 who are not inhabitants of the Town of Groton. The board of
12 Trustees shall determine the terms of office of the Trustees.