

Notice of minimum number of the electorate required to petition for a referendum for an elected mayor



Under the Local Government Act 2000 and under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, one of the things we have to do by law is let people know about their right to ask for a referendum if they want an elected mayor to manage their council. We also have to tell you the numbers needed for a valid petition.

If 5% of the number of people on the local electoral register submit a petition asking for a referendum for an elected mayor, then the local council must hold a referendum in their area. We have listed the numbers of people the 5% equates to in each council district in Lincolnshire, as well as the total for Lincolnshire County Council – these figures apply from 15 February 2026.

District	5% of electoral register needed
Boston Borough	2,477
East Lindsey	5,538
City of Lincoln	3,194
North Kesteven	4,731
South Holland	3,666
South Kesteven	5,550
West Lindsey	3,821
Lincolnshire	28,977

These figures will be used to check the validity of any petition received between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027 or any earlier date required by Government Regulation.

Every year we publish the 5% figures and remind you of your right to tell us in a petition that you would like a referendum.

The petition must be signed by the correct number of people (using the 5% figures for your district listed above) and delivered to a council's 'principal office'.

In Lincolnshire you have two 'principal offices' – your local District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. If you want a referendum for both, petitions need to be completed and sent to both.

The addresses for the Councils in Lincolnshire are:-

Boston – Joint Chief Executive

Boston Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
West Street, Boston, Lincs
PE21 8QR
Tel: 01205 314200

[Boston Borough Council - Boston Borough Council](#)

East Lindsey – Joint Chief Executive

East Lindsey District Council
The Hub, Mareham Road,
Horncastle, Lincs, LN9 6PH
Tel: 01507 601111

[East Lindsey District Council - East Lindsey District Council \(e-lindsey.gov.uk\)](#)

City of Lincoln – Chief Executive and Town Clerk

City of Lincoln Council

Beaumont Fee, Lincoln. LN1 1DD

Tel: 01522 881188

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North Kesteven – Chief Executive

North Kesteven District Council

Council Offices

Kesteven Street, Sleaford

Lincs. NG34 7EF

Tel: 01529 414155

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South Holland – Joint Chief Executive

South Holland District Council

Council Offices, Priory Road

Spalding, Lincs. PE11 2XE

Tel: 01775 761161

[South Holland District Council - South Holland District Council \(sholland.gov.uk\)](#)

South Kesteven – Chief Executive

South Kesteven District Council

Council Offices, The Picture House

St Catherines Road, Grantham

Lincs, NG31 6TT

Tel: 01476 406080

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West Lindsey – Chief Executive

West Lindsey District Council

Guildhall, Marshalls Yard, Gainsborough

Lincs. DN21 2NA

Tel: 01427 676676

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Lincolnshire – Chief Executive,

Lincolnshire County Council

County Offices

Newland

Lincoln. LN1 1YL

Tel: 01522 552222

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