

## 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

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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  
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Newland  
Lincoln. LN1 1YL  
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