

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 2025.

District	5% of electoral register needed
Boston Borough	2472
East Lindsey	5527
City of Lincoln	3241
North Kesteven	4709
South Holland	3677
South Kesteven	5537
West Lindsey	3796
Lincolnshire	28,959

These figures will be used to check the validity of any petition received between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 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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