

HOUSE No. 2210

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tommy Vitolo

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 remote town meetings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2210) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to remote town meetings. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to remote town meetings.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect forthwith both public health and the viability of town meetings in the face of the state, national and global public health emergencies existing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

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 8 of chapter 92 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by adding the following
2 subsection:-

3 (j) If the select board or board of selectmen votes to approve the request of the moderator
4 for remote participation in a town meeting and the select board or board of selectmen has already
5 issued a warrant pursuant to said section 10 of said chapter 39 before the conclusion of the
6 governor’s March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, said town meeting may be held
7 through remote participation in accordance with this section.