

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3745**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman***

*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 the election of town meeting members in the town of Arlington.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2021</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2021</i>

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3745) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to the election of town meeting members in the town of Arlington. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the election of town meeting members in the town of Arlington.

*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 1. Chapter 503 of the acts of 1952 is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 8, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 94 of the acts of 2019, the following  
3 section:-

4 Section 8A. Election of Town Meeting

5 The election of the members of town meeting shall continue as presently provided subject  
6 to the following exception:

7 In the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the office of town meeting member, the town  
8 clerk shall determine the number of full terms and the number of unexpired terms to be filled at  
9 the annual election. The ballot shall indicate the total number of town meeting members to be  
10 elected, and the candidates shall be listed together on the ballot. The candidates receiving the  
11 highest number of votes shall be elected to the 3-year terms to be filled at the election; the

12 candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to the 2-year terms to be  
13 filled at the election; and the candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be  
14 elected to the 1-year terms to be filled at the election. In case of a tie vote affecting the division  
15 of terms, the members elected from the precinct, including those receiving the same number of  
16 votes to gain election, shall determine said division of terms by majority vote of elected town  
17 meeting members of the precinct to be administered by the town clerk.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage