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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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*September 25, 2015*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating the Actions Taken at the Annual Town Election in the Town of Dudley."

I am filing this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Dudley.

The Town discovered that it had not met certain statutory requirements of the annual town election held on June 15, 2015 relating to the posting of the warrant. This legislation would validate the election's votes and all actions taken and relied upon pursuant to those votes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,  
*Governor*

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Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Dudley.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Dudley.

*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. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 39 and section 64 of chapter 54 of  
2 the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the votes taken by the town  
3 of Dudley at its June 15, 2015 annual town election, and all actions taken pursuant thereto and in  
4 reliance thereon, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town  
5 had complied with all statutory requirements for posting a warrant for such election.

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