

HOUSE No. 4764

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon 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 town meeting in the town of Burlington.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2022</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/26/2022</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4764) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to town meetings in the town of Burlington. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to town meeting in the town of Burlington.

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 686 of the Acts of 1970, as most recently amended by Chapter 65
2 of the Acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof
3 the following section:-

4 SECTION 4. There shall be a total of eighteen town meeting members elected from each
5 precinct. When a new precinct is added, the six candidates who receive the highest number of
6 votes shall be declared elected to a three-year term. The six candidates in the precinct who
7 receive the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected to a two-year term. The six
8 candidates who receive the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected to a one-year
9 term. Thereafter, all such town meeting members shall be elected to three-year terms.

10 In the event of a tie vote for the office of town meeting member, the town clerk shall,
11 within seven days of the election, call together at a convenient place, all the representative town
12 meeting members from the precinct in which the tie vote occurs and the candidates for that office

13 who are affected by such tie. Under the supervision of the town clerk, any such ties shall be
14 resolved by ballots cast by the elected precinct town meeting members present.

15 A town meeting member who is removed by a revision of precincts from the precinct
16 from which the member was elected shall not retain membership after the next annual election as
17 an elected member from the precinct from which the member has been removed. The term of a
18 town meeting member who is not removed by a revision of precincts from the precinct from
19 which the member was elected shall not be affected by the revision.