

HOUSE No. 55

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



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February 17, 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 amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Town of Scituate to Establish the Date of its Annual Town Election."

The Scituate Board of Selectmen and Representative James Cantwell have requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Scituate. The purpose of the legislation is to allow the Town to change the date of the annual town election from Saturday, May 23, 2015 to Saturday, May 30, 2015.

The annual town election is scheduled for May 23, 2015 as required by the Town's by-laws. Because the election falls during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Town is concerned that there will be few staff available to work on Election Day and voter turnout will be low. The legislation provides that the annual town election will be held the following Saturday, May 30, 2015. The change in date will not change the deadlines set forth in candidate nomination papers.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Baker,
Governor

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Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)
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An Act authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election.

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 any general law, special law or by-law to the contrary, the
2 annual town election for the town of Scituate shall be held on May 30, 2015. The establishment
3 of such date for the election shall not change the deadlines which would be otherwise applicable
4 as set forth in candidate nomination papers.

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