

SENATE No. 2283

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 charter of the town of Wareham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc R. Pacheco

First Plymouth and Bristol

Susan Williams Gifford

2nd Plymouth

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2283) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Wareham. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Wareham.

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. Subsection (b) of section 2-4 of article 2 of the charter of the town of
2 Wareham, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in
3 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the subsection
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:- Initiation of Warrant Articles – Warrant articles
5 shall be initiated as provided for by state law, including but not limited to G.L. c. 39, s. 10.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 2-4 of article 2 of the charter of the town of
7 Wareham, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in
8 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the subsection
9 and inserting in place thereof the following:- Warrants - After voting to open any spring or fall
10 Annual Town Meeting warrant the Board of Selectmen within the ensuing 24 hours shall post
11 notice of such vote on the Town’s principle bulletin board and on the Town’s website. The
12 notice shall identify the opening and closing dates of the warrant, and shall identify the place or

13 places where citizen petitioned articles may be submitted. No spring or fall an Annual Town
14 Meeting warrant may close until such notice has been posted for at least 10 calendar days.
15 Subsequent to the posted warrant opening and closing dates, the Board of Selectmen may vote to
16 reopen and close the warrant in order to receive additional warrant articles.

17 SECTION 3. Subsection (d) of section 2-4 of article 2 of the charter of the town of
18 Wareham, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in
19 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the subsection
20 and inserting in place thereof the following:- Circulation of Warrant- Annual and Special Town
21 Meeting warrants shall be posted on the principle bulletin Town bulletin board, posted on the
22 Town's municipal website and posted as may be further set out in the by-laws. No later than the
23 second Monday in March for the spring Annual Town Meeting and the final Monday in
24 September for the fall Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen shall deliver the warrant to
25 the Finance Committee and Moderator. Copies of the warrant for any Special Town Meeting
26 shall be delivered to the Finance Committee and Moderator at least 21 calendar days before the
27 commencement date of such meeting.

28 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.