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PRESENTED BY:

**Alice Hanlon Peisch**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to the Town Clerk of the Town of Weston.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Town Clerk of the Town of Weston.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**The position of town clerk in the town of Weston shall be appointed.

**SECTION 2.**  Section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2001 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in subsection (c) (ii) and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “The town manager shall recommend to the board of selectmen for its appointment candidates for the positions of town clerk, chief of the fire department, forest warden, police chief, and director of public works.”

**SECTION 3.** Section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2001 is hereby further amended by striking the text in subsection (c)(v)(1) and renumbering the remaining sections of said subsection (c)(v) accordingly.

**SECTION 4.**   Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, upon the approval of this act by the voters as set forth in section 5, the position of elected town clerk in the Town of Weston shall be abolished, and the term of the elected incumbent holding office, if any, shall be terminated; provided, however, that any individual elected to the position of town clerk at the same election at which the question set forth in section 5 appears on the ballot shall hold said office and perform the duties thereof until the appointment to said office is otherwise made in accordance with the provisions of chapter 80 of the acts of 2001, as amended in accordance with section 2 of this act, or the individual’s sooner resignation.

**SECTION 5**. This act shall be submitted for its acceptance to the qualified voters of the town of Weston at an annual or special election in the form of the following question:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2009, entitled ‘An Act Relative to the Town Clerk of the Town of Weston,’ be accepted?”

Below the ballot question shall appear a fair and concise summary of the ballot question prepared by town counsel and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall take effect in the Town of Weston, but not otherwise.

**SECTION 6**. This act shall take effect upon passage. Or take any other action relative thereto.

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