

SENATE No.

[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian A. Joyce

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 to amend the representative town meeting procedures in the town of Randolph.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02305 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES IN THE TOWN
OF RANDOLPH.

*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. Section 2 of chapter 324 of the acts of 1947, as amended by 1 chapter 404 of the
2 acts of 1989, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following 7 sentences:

4 A write-in candidate for the office of town meeting member must receive 10 or more votes in the
5 precinct in which he is eligible to vote in order to be elected in that precinct. The town clerk
6 shall, after every election of town meeting members, forthwith notify each such member by mail
7 of his election. If any person elected as a town meeting member fails to take the oath of office
8 within 90 days following his election, or fails to attend more than one-half of the sessions of the
9 town meetings held in a calendar year the member shall be considered to have resigned and the
10 member's place shall be declared vacant. A town meeting member who fails to attend more than
11 one-half of the sessions of the town meeting held in a calendar year may appeal the declaration

12 of vacancy by requesting a hearing on removal. A request for hearing shall be made in writing
13 and shall be filed with the town clerk on or before January 15 of the following calendar year. A
14 hearing shall be held before a committee consisting of the town clerk, town moderator and
15 chairman of 14 the board of registrars not later than January 25 of said year. Upon a showing of
16 good cause by the member, the committee may excuse 1 or more absences and may rescind the
17 declaration of vacancy if the town meeting member attended at least one-half of the unexcused
18 sessions of the town meeting during the calendar year.

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20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the date of the first annual town election for town
21 meeting members occurring after enactment of this act.

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