

HOUSE No.

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To the Honorable House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating Certain Proceedings of the Town of North Reading."

I am filing this special legislation on behalf of the North Reading Board of Selectmen.

The Town of North Reading discovered that it had not met a local by-law requiring publication of notice of the Fall Annual Town Meeting each of two consecutive weeks immediately prior to that meeting on October 2, 2017. Instead, notice was published in a local newspaper only once during that time period. The Town did provide other forms of notice, however, including a mailing of the warrant to the households of all registered voters and the posting of the warrant in eight locations throughout town. This legislation would validate all acts and votes taken at the Fall Annual Town Meeting and any action taken pursuant to those acts and votes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted

Charles D. Baker,
Governor

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act validating certain proceedings of the town of North Reading.

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 section 10 of chapter 39 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law or town by-law or charter provision to the contrary, all acts, proceedings
3 and votes taken by the town of North Reading at its fall annual town meeting on October 2, 2017
4 and all actions taken pursuant thereto are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same
5 extent as if notice of the meeting had been published as required by law.

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