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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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*June 27, 2016*

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 appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating the Actions Taken at a Special Town Meeting Held in the Town of Templeton."

The Templeton Board of Selectmen requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Templeton.

The Town discovered that it had not met certain statutory and town requirements regarding the posting of the warrant for the special town meeting held on March 21, 2016. This legislation would validate the acts and votes taken at the meeting and all subsequent actions made as a result of those outcomes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,  
*Governor*

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Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at a special town meeting held in the town of Templeton.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act validating the actions taken at a special town meeting held in the town of Templeton.

*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 or special law or town by-law to the contrary,  
2 all acts, proceedings and votes taken by the town of Templeton at its special town meeting on  
3 March 21, 2016, and all actions taken pursuant thereto and in reliance thereon, are hereby  
4 ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town had complied with all statutory  
5 and town by-law requirements for posting the warrant for such town meeting.

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