

HOUSE No. 4482

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Solomon Goldstein-Rose and Stanley C. Rosenberg

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 authorizing the city known as the town of Amherst to hold a special election on November 6, 2018.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>

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By Representative Goldstein-Rose of Amherst and Senator Rosenberg, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4482) of Solomon Goldstein-Rose and Stanley C. Rosenberg (by vote of the town) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to hold a special election on November 6, 2018. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Amherst to hold a special election on November 6, 2018.

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

1 Whereas, The city known as the Town of Amherst has changed its form of government
2 and desires to elect its first Town Council as soon as practicable,

3 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or Charter provision of the city
4 known as the Town of Amherst to the contrary, the city known as the town of Amherst shall hold
5 a special election for the office of Town Councilor on November 6, 2018 and a preliminary
6 election for the office of Town Councilor on September 4, 2018.

7 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 7 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General
8 Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, nomination papers
9 for the office of Town Council member shall be filed with the Board of Registrars of the city
10 known as the Town of Amherst for certification of signatures on or before 5:00 p.m. on June 29,
11 2018.

12 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other general or special law or Charter provision to the
13 contrary, the Board of Registrars shall complete certification of signatures on these nomination
14 papers on or before 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2018.

15 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 10 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General
16 Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, certified
17 nomination papers shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018.

18 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Massachusetts General
19 Laws or any other general or special law or Charter provision to the contrary, a candidate who
20 has filed nomination papers to fill the vacancy in the office of Town Council member may
21 withdraw his or her nomination by filing a notarized withdrawal no later than 5:00 p.m. on July
22 17, 2018.

23 SECTION 6. The Town Clerk shall take all actions necessary to conduct the special
24 election for the Town Council on November 6, 2018 as provided in Section 10.7 of the Charter
25 as adopted on March 27, 2018.

26 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the issuance by
27 the Town Clerk of nomination papers for the office of town council member and the filing of
28 such nomination papers with the Board of Registrars and Town Clerk prior to the effective date
29 of this act, but otherwise in conformance with this act and applicable law, shall be ratified,
30 validated and confirmed as though this act had then been in effect.

31 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.