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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 Eliminating a Sub-Precinct in the Town of Medway."

I am filing this special legislation at the request of the Medway Select Board.

This bill eliminates a sub-precinct that was recently created in the implementation of the 2021 statewide redistricting legislation. Creation of the sub-precinct was necessary to conform the Town's redistricting plan to the maximum precinct size provided for in the General Laws. The Town has since concluded that the introduction of a new split precinct would result in unnecessary voter confusion and therefore seeks to eliminate the sub-precinct and return the precinct in question to its historic configuration.

The Town seeks to make this adjustment to its redistricting plan before its upcoming municipal election on May 17, 2022.

I urge your prompt consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker, *Governor*

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act eliminating a sub-precinct in the town of Medway.

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. Notwithstanding the approval of precincts in the Town of Medway by the
- 2 Local Election Districts Review Commission on October 15, 2021, or any general or special law
- 3 to the contrary, census block 250214081022020 in the Town of Medway shall be moved from
- 4 precinct 1 to precinct 2. This change shall remain in effect until the drawing of new precincts
- 5 after the 2030 federal census in accordance with section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws.
- 6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.