

HOUSE No. 5013

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danillo A. Sena

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 town of Acton to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2022</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/5/2022</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/7/2022</i>

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By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5013) of Danillo A. Sena, Tami L. Gouveia and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Acton to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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 chapter 40A, section 11 of the General Laws and given the
2 elimination of print copy of local newspapers, the Town of Acton is hereby authorized to
3 provide alternative means of publishing legal notices for public hearings that are required
4 by law.

5 SECTION 2. The Town may permit that all notices of such public hearings shall be
6 published: (i) in a local newspaper, either in electronic and paper format; (ii) on the
7 bulletin board outside the Town Clerk’s office; and (iii) on the Town’s website.

8 SECTION 3. As used in this Act, the term “website” shall mean the official website of
9 the Town of Acton that is operated and maintained by the Town’s government.

10 SECTION 4. If any provision or section of this act is invalidated, the remainder shall

11 survive in full force and effect.

12 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.