

SENATE No. 460

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

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 to allow Saugus town meeting to adopt a process to allow non-binding resolutions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 460) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jessica Ann Giannino (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow Saugus town meeting to adopt a process to allow non-binding resolutions. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act to allow Saugus town meeting to adopt a process to allow non-binding resolutions.

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, the Saugus Town Meeting may
2 adopt a process to introduce non-binding resolutions in accordance with the language and
3 procedural guidelines described below:

4 To add a new section 214.00 to the Town of Saugus Bylaws in subcategory 200 of
5 "Government of Town Meeting" that will be titled "Resolutions". Any Town Meeting Member
6 may propose a non-binding resolution, within 48 hours written or electronic notice to the Saugus
7 Town Clerk not counting weekends and holidays. The Saugus Town Clerk will promptly notify
8 the Moderator upon receipt of said resolution and forward said resolution to Town Meeting
9 Members.

10 Resolutions may not seek to appropriate funds, propose zoning or general bylaw changes
11 or have any binding effect on the operations of town government."

12 Resolutions will not be considered as actions of the Town Meeting as defined by Section
13 10 of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws but rather statements of opinion in
14 accordance with past practice. Resolutions will be acted upon during the next Town Meeting or
15 with a Town Meeting that is temporarily adjourned, whichever comes first. A majority vote of
16 the quorum will be required to adopt a resolution.

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