

SENATE No. 776

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to town meeting dates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01170 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TOWN MEETING DATES.

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. Section 9 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentence:- Except as otherwise provided by special law or a charter adopted
4 or revised or amended under sections 2, 3, or 4 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the
5 Constitution of the Commonwealth, which may provide for a different time for the election of
6 town officials and other matters to be determined by ballot, the annual meeting of each town
7 shall be held in February, March, April, May or June; and other meetings may be held at such
8 times as the selectmen may order or the charter or by-law may prescribe; provided, however, that
9 any annual town meeting shall complete its business on or before June thirtieth.