

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2053**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile and David Paul Linsky*

*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 remote participation at town meetings in the town of Wayland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>

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By Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2053) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, David Paul Linsky and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to hold annual and special hybrid town meetings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act authorizing remote participation at town meetings in the town of Wayland.

*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 39 of the General Laws, or any general or special  
2 law or charter provision to the contrary, the town of Wayland may hold annual and special town  
3 meetings with voters located in a common, physical location, fully remote or partially remote, to  
4 be known as a hybrid town meeting.

5           SECTION 2. Any town meeting held remotely or in hybrid form in accordance with this  
6 act shall be recorded and the recording shall be made available for public viewing on the town’s  
7 website for no fewer than 30 days following the conclusion of the meeting. The recording shall  
8 also be a permanent record of the town, subject to disclosure upon request.

9           SECTION 3. All actions taken at a remote or hybrid town meeting held in accordance  
10 with this act shall be ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town meeting  
11 had been conducted entirely in person.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.