

SENATE No. 3027

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 authorizing the town of Marblehead to amend the general bylaws to add a new chapter 175, Elections regarding the order of candidates names on ballot.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brendan P. Crighton

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Essex

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3027) of Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Marblehead to amend the general bylaws to add a new chapter 175, Elections regarding the order of candidates names on ballot. Election Laws. [Local approval received]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to amend the general bylaws to add a new chapter 175, Elections regarding the order of candidates names on ballot.

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. Chapter 175, Elections.

2 The order of candidates listed on the ballot shall be determined by random drawing of
3 names by the town clerk for each race. Prior to printing of the ballots, the town clerk will hold a
4 lottery for each race where names of all qualified candidates will be entered. The order of the
5 names drawn shall be the order in which the names appear on the ballot. Any candidate for re-
6 election shall be designated as such on the ballot. Each candidate, or her or his representative,
7 shall have the opportunity to be present at such drawing.

8 The drawing shall be conducted by the town clerk or the assistant town clerk, beginning
9 not earlier than six o'clock in the afternoon of the day following the last day for candidates to
10 withdraw their nomination papers and continuing until such time as all ballot positions have been
11 determined.

12 SECTION 2. That the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only
13 to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by
14 the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to
15 approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this
16 petition.

17 SECTION 3. The act shall take effect upon its passage.