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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



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*December 8, 2016*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating the Results of the Annual Town Election Held in the Town of Becket on May 16, 2015."

The Becket Board of Selectmen requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Becket.

The Town discovered that it had not included a ballot question in the warrant, as required, for the annual town election held on May 16, 2015. This legislation would validate the acts and votes taken at the election and all subsequent actions made as a result of those outcomes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,  
*Governor*

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Message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Becket on May 16, 2015.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Becket on May 16, 2015.

*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 any general or special law or town by-law to the contrary,  
2 all acts, proceedings and votes taken by the town of Becket at its annual town election on May  
3 16, 2015, and all actions taken pursuant thereto and in reliance thereon are hereby ratified,  
4 validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town had complied with all statutory and  
5 town by-law requirements to include the ballot question in the warrant for such election.

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