

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2501**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 relative to the date set by the charter of the town of Walpole for the annual town election.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2501) of Michael F. Rush, John H. Rogers, Paul McMurtry, Edward R. Philips and others (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the date set by the charter of the town of Walpole for the annual town election. 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 relative to the date set by the charter of the town of Walpole for the annual town election.

*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. The charter of the town of Walpole as on file with the archivist of the  
2 commonwealth shall hereby be amended to set the date of the annual town election as the third  
3 Tuesday in May, and, for such purposes, to strike in subsection (C) of section 1 of article III the  
4 words “first Saturday in June” and to insert in place thereof the following:- third Tuesday in  
5 May.

6           SECTION 2. Section 1 of article III of the charter of the town of Walpole is hereby  
7 further amended by inserting a new sentence at the end of subsection (C) as follows:-  
8 Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, the select board may delay the date of the  
9 annual town election during a state of emergency declared by the governor of the commonwealth  
10 in accord with any state legislation or executive orders addressing the delay of local elections.

11           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.