

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3478**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin Swan, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 providing for the term of office of the City Council in the city of Springfield.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103*

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3478) of Domenic J. Sarno (mayor) (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the terms of office of city councilors in the city of Springfield. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act providing for the term of office of the City Council in the city of Springfield.

*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 the provisions of chapter forty-three of the General Laws  
2 or Chapter 125 of the Acts of 2007 or any other general or specific law to the contrary, the city  
3 council of the city of Springfield, shall hold office for a term of four years from the first Monday  
4 of January, 2016 coterminous with the term of the mayor of said city, and until their successors  
5 are qualified with all the rights, powers and duties vested in and exercised by said city council  
6 under the chapter of said city.

7           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the  
8 contrary, to ascertain the will of the people of the city of Springfield, the board of election  
9 commissioners shall cause the following binding public opinion question to be placed on the  
10 official ballot to be used in the city at the next regular municipal election to be held on the  
11 seventeenth day of September in the year two thousand and thirteen.

12           THIS QUESTION IS BINDING.

13           Shall the term of the city council in the city of Springfield be for four years coterminous  
14 with the term of the mayor?

15           SECTION 3. If a majority of the voters casting a ballot on this binding question shall  
16 vote in the affirmative, the provisions of said act shall take effect at the next regular municipal  
17 election for the mayor held in the city of Springfield in November, 2016.