

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3324**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balsler***

*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 certain elections in the city of Newton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3324) of Ruth B. Balsler and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Newton be authorized to remove the restriction on holding preliminary elections on Tuesdays. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to certain elections in the city of Newton.

*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. Section 8-3 of the charter of the city of Newton, which is on file in the  
2 office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided by section 12 of chapter 43B of the  
3 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following subsection:-

5           (a) Date – For each regular city election and any special election called to fill a vacancy  
6 in the office of mayor, there shall be held a preliminary election for the purpose of nominating  
7 candidates. The board of aldermen shall set the date for each preliminary election.

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