

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to reprecincting..

*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 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line one, the words “nineteen hundred and  
3 ninety-two” and inserting in place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.

4 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line eight, the words “Not later than July  
6 first in such year” and inserting in place thereof the words:- Within seven days of the last day the  
7 city council may vote,.

8 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
9 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 27, the words “September first  
10 immediately following” and inserting in place thereof the words:- thirty five days after the final  
11 day to give written notice to the state secretary.

12 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 28, the word “fifteen” and inserting in  
14 place thereof the word:- seven.

15 SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, the word “twenty” and inserting  
17 in place thereof the word:- seven.

18 SECTION 6. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
19 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 34, the words “October fifteenth  
20 immediately following” and inserting in place thereof the words:- fourteen days after the last day  
21 to receive notice from the local election district review commission.

22 SECTION 7. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
23 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 39, the words “October fifteenth” and  
24 inserting in place thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the final day to give notice to  
25 the state secretary.

26 SECTION 8. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
27 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 40, the word “thirty” and inserting in  
28 place thereof the words:- fifteen.

29 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
30 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after line 44, the following new paragraph:-  
31 Should the state secretary determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to  
32 allow this process to begin earlier, the state secretary will designate the date on which such  
33 process shall begin. Such date shall replace “June fifteenth” in line 23 of this section.

34 SECTION 10. Section 2 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
35 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “next following” and  
36 inserting in place thereof:- following the making thereof.

37 SECTION 11. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
38 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “nineteen hundred and  
39 ninety-two” and inserting in place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.

40 SECTION 12. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
41 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the words “July first of the year in  
42 which such division is authorized or required to be made” and inserting in place thereof the  
43 words:- seven days after the date on which the board of selectmen is authorized or required to  
44 divide the town into precincts.

45 SECTION 13. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
46 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 60, the words “September first of said  
47 year” and inserting in place thereof the words:- thirty five days following the date the town clerk  
48 must transmit to the state secretary a copy of the division.

49 SECTION 14. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
50 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 63, the words “September twentieth  
51 of said year” and inserting in place thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the  
52 town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a copy of such division.

53 SECTION 15. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
54 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 69, the words “October fifteenth” and

55 inserting in place thereof the words:- sixty-four days following the date the town clerk must  
56 transmit to the state secretary a copy of such division.

57 SECTION 16. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
58 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 74, the words “September twentieth”  
59 and inserting in place thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the town clerk  
60 must transmit to the state secretary a copy of such division.

61 SECTION 17. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
62 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 75, the word “thirty” and inserting in  
63 place thereof the word:- fifteen.

64 SECTION 18. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
65 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after line 79, the following new paragraph:-  
66 Should the state secretary determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to  
67 allow this process to begin earlier, the state secretary will designate the date on which such  
68 process shall begin. Such date shall replace “June fifteenth” in line 23 of this section.

69 SECTION 19. Section 9 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996  
70 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 1, after the word “thousand” the words:-  
71 two hundred