

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3457**

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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 advisory questions on ballots in the city of Newton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>5/6/2013</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/2/2013</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/2/2013</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3457) of Ruth B. Balsler and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Newton be authorized to place a non-binding public opinion advisory question on the ballot. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to advisory questions on ballots 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the  
2 contrary, in the city of Newton a non-binding public opinion advisory question may be placed on  
3 the ballot for either a regular or special municipal election in accordance with the procedures  
4 established by section 18A of chapter 53 of the General Laws.

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