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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Relative to the 2015 Annual Town Election in the Town of Groveland."

The Groveland Board of Selectmen has requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Groveland.

The Town discovered at the end of April that it had not met certain statutory requirements regarding its hosting of the annual town election on May 4, 2015, including timely posting of the warrant and specification of certain candidates' terms in the nomination papers. This legislation would validate the elections' votes and all actions taken and relied upon pursuant to those votes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,
Governor

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Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to relative to the 2015 annual town election in the town of Groveland.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act validating the results of a certain town election in the town of Groveland.

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 section 10 of chapter 39, section 2 of chapter 50 and
2 sections 41, 42 and 64 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, chapter 184 of the acts of 2013, or any
3 other general or special law or town by-law to the contrary, the votes taken by the town of
4 Groveland at its May 4, 2015 annual town election, and all actions taken pursuant thereto and in
5 reliance thereon, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town
6 had complied with all statutory requirements for completion of nomination papers, preparation of
7 ballots, and posting the warrant for such election.

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