

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3685**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cory Atkins*

*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 amending the charter of the town of Concord.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/25/2015</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>6/26/2015</i>

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3685) of Cory Atkins and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Concord be authorized to amend the charter of said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act amending the charter of the town of Concord.

*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. Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1952 is hereby amended to add immediately  
2 before section 1 thereof a preamble reading: “Preamble: The legislative body of the Town is an  
3 open town meeting, open to all registered voters of the Town.”

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1952 is hereby amended by substituting for the  
5 term “board of selectmen,” and for the word “selectmen,” in each and every place in which either  
6 one appears, the term “select board” or “member of the select board,” by substituting the words  
7 “his or her” for the word “his” in each and every place in which it appears, and by substituting  
8 the term “member of the select board” for the word “selectman” in each and every place where it  
9 appears.

10           SECTION 3. Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1952, section 2(B)(1), is hereby amended by  
11 deleting from the end the words “and revising the building code of the town.”

12           SECTION 4. Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1952, section 21, is hereby amended by deleting  
13 the word “sixty” from the first sentence of the section, and replacing it with the word “one-  
14 hundred-twenty.”

15           SECTION 5. Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1952, section 1C, is hereby amended by  
16 inserting immediately before the final sentence thereof the following: “In the event that the  
17 moderator is absent, disabled from the performance of his or her duties, or has recused him or  
18 herself, the deputy moderator elected at the Annual Town Meeting shall act as moderator; in the  
19 event of a vacancy in the position of moderator, the deputy moderator shall act as moderator  
20 until the next regularly elected moderator takes office.”