

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3998**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant***

*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 the date of town elections in the town of Southbridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2016</i>

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that the town of Southbridge be authorized to hold town elections on the second Tuesday in June. 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 the date of town elections in the town of Southbridge.

*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. The charter of the town of Southbridge, which is on file in the office of the  
2   archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is  
3   hereby amended by striking out section 11-1-1 and inserting in place thereof the following  
4   section:-

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6           Section 11-1-1. The regular election for all town offices shall be by official ballot held on  
7   the second Tuesday in June.

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9           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws, this act  
10   shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Southbridge in the form of the following question

11 which shall be placed on the ballot at a regular or special town election to be held in the year  
12 2016:

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14 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2016, entitled ‘An Act relative to  
15 the date of town elections in the town of Southbridge’ be accepted?”

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17 The town counsel of the town of Southbridge shall cause a fair and concise summary of  
18 the question to be included below the ballot question.

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20 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to this question are in the affirmative, this act  
21 shall take effect in the town of Southbridge, but not otherwise.

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23 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.