

HOUSE No. 4698

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 referendum procedures in the city known as the town of Greenfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul W. Mark

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Berkshire

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4698) of Paul W. Mark (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to referendum procedures in the city known as the town of Greenfield. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to referendum procedures in the city known as the town of Greenfield.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 ORDER THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN CHARTER ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7-8
2 CITIZEN REFERENDUM PROCEDURES, SUBSECTION (a) BE FURTHER AMENDED BY
3 RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
4 HOUSE COUNCIL AS INDICATED IN THE ATTACHED STRIKE DRAFT: SECTION 7-8:
5 CITIZEN REFERENDUM PROCEDURES

6 SECTION 1. Section 7-8 of the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield
7 which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of
8 chapter 43B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting
9 in place thereof the following subsection:

10 (a)Petition, Effect on Final Vote - If, within thirty (30) days following the date on which
11 the Town Council or School Committee has voted finally to approve of any measure a petition
12 signed by a number of voters equal to ten percent (10%) of the total number of voters voting in

13 the most recent regular biennial Town election, but no less than two and one half percent (2
14 1/2%) of all registered voters as of the same date, and addressed to the Town Council or to the
15 School Committee as may be, protesting against the measure or any part thereof is filed with the
16 Town Clerk the effective fate of such measure shall be temporarily suspended. Final approval
17 under this section shall not be complete until the time for all remedies under Section 3-7 are
18 expired. The School Committee or the Town Council shall forthwith reconsider its vote on such
19 measure or part thereof at the next regularly scheduled meeting, and if such measure is not
20 rescinded the Town Council shall provide for the submission of the question for a determination
21 by the voters either at a special election which it may call at its convenience, or within such time
22 as may be requested by the School Committee, or at the next regular Town election, but pending
23 such submission and determination the effect of such measure shall continue to be suspended.

24 AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER INSTRUCTS THE TOWN CLERK
25 TO RESUBMIT THE APPROVED VOTE TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
26 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND REQUEST SAID LEGISLARURE TO
27 AMMEND THE TOWN CHARTER.