

HOUSE No. 4744

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 membership of representative town meeting in the town of Framingham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/29/2016</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>11/29/2016</i>
<i>Carmin L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/30/2016</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/29/2016</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4744) of Chris Walsh and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham be authorized to reduce the number of town meeting members elected in each precinct from twelve to nine. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the membership of representative town meeting in the town of Framingham.

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. Section 3 of Chapter 143 of the Acts of 1949 is hereby amended by striking
2 the language “The membership of the representative town meeting elected in each precinct shall
3 consist of twelve registered voters other than persons elected or appointed to some other town
4 office, which will result in a total elected membership in the town equal to twelve times the
5 number of voting precincts.” and replacing it with:

6 “The membership of the representative town meeting elected in each precinct shall
7 consist of nine registered voters other than persons elected or appointed to some other town
8 office, which will result in a total elected membership in the town equal to nine times the number
9 of voting precincts. Such change shall be implemented over a three-year period by reducing the
10 number of town meetings elected annually from each precinct from four to three.”