

HOUSE No. 4783

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 4697). December 29, 2016.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the board of registrars of voters 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 SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-12 of the charter of the city known as the town
2 of Greenfield which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in
3 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fifth
4 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

5 The Board of Registrars of Voters shall within ten (10) days following the date the
6 petition forms are filed certify both the number of signatures thereon which are the names of
7 voters and the percentage that number represents of the total number of voters voting and total
8 number of voters registered as of the date of the most recent regular biennial Town election.

9 SECTION 2. Section 7-12 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection
10 (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

11 (c) Recall Election - If the petitions are certified by the Board of Registrars of Voters
12 to contain a sufficient number of signatures, the Town Clerk shall forthwith submit the same,

13 with their certificate, to the Town Council. Upon receipt of the certified petition forms, the Town
14 Council shall forthwith give written notice to the officer whose recall is sought of the validity of
15 such petitions. If the officer whose recall is sought does not resign the office within five (5) days
16 following delivery of the said notice, or by leaving at the last known place of residence, the
17 Town Council shall, after consultation with the Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars of
18 Voters, order a special election to be held on a date not more than ninety (90) days after the date
19 of its notice to the officer whose recall is sought.