

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2483**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*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 Wareham relative to the time of town meeting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2483) of Marc R. Pacheco (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Wareham. 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 Wareham relative to the time of town meeting.

*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 Wareham, 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 2-3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4           Section 2-3. Time of Meeting.

5           The town meeting shall meet not less than twice in each calendar year. The first meeting,  
6   which shall be the annual spring town meeting , shall be held during the month of April, at a time  
7   fixed by by-law and shall be primarily concerned with the determination of all matters that have  
8   a fiscal effect on the town including, but not limited to, the adoption of an annual operating  
9   budget covering all town agencies. The second meeting, which shall be the annual fall town  
10   meeting , shall be held during the last 4 calendar months at a time fixed by by-law.

11           The board of selectmen may call additional town meetings at other times to act on the  
12 legislative business of the town in an orderly and expeditious manner by the issuance of  
13 warrants.