

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett

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 election of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District Committee Members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>12/18/2018</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett relative to the election of members to school committee of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District in the towns of Adams and Cheshire. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the election of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District Committee Members.

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. Notwithstanding section 14E of chapter 71 of the General Laws, the towns
2 of Adams and Cheshire may annually elect members to serve on the School Committee of the
3 Adams Cheshire Regional School District, (to become known as the Hoosac Valley Regional
4 School District) on the same date and time as the annual elections in each town; provided,
5 however, that the members’ elections shall take place pursuant to the Regional Agreement
6 between the towns of Adams and Cheshire.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

8 For your reference, this is the law that requires the biennial elections.

9 Section 14E: Regional school district committee membership options

10 Section 14E. A regional school district may, by amendment to its regional school district
11 agreement, provide for one of the following options concerning the members of its regional

12 district school committee: (1) electing committee members by voters in member communities
13 with each community's representation apportioned according to population; (2) electing members
14 in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections; (3) electing members with
15 residency requirements in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections; (4)
16 weighing the votes of committee members according to the population they represent; and (5)
17 appointing committee members by locally elected officials such as school board members. Each
18 regional school district shall designate an individual to serve as district clerk. If a regional school
19 district decides to elect members in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state
20 elections or if any vacancy is to be so filled, the district clerk shall notify the state secretary by
21 April fifteenth of the year of the biennial.