

HOUSE No. 1814

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 changes to publication of by-laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1814) of David M. Nangle and David F. DeCoste relative to changes to publication of zoning ordinance by-laws. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1108 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to changes to publication of by-laws.

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. Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following language located in the middle of paragraph two after ‘shall be published “...on a
3 municipal website or” and also adding “on the municipal website” after publication in a
4 newspaper.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 40, Section 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
6 the language “or posted for a period of no less than fourteen days on the town’s municipal
7 website.” located in the bottom half of the section after ‘newspaper of general circulation in the
8 town.’; and by adding the following language “or posting on the town’s municipal website,” after
9 ‘or publishing in one or more newspapers,’;

10 SECTION 3. Majority vote of the City Council or Board of Selectmen is required for a
11 municipality to adopt this alternative method of publication. Upon adoption by the municipality,
12 the municipal clerk shall file with the Office of the Attorney General written notice of adoption
13 of the alternative method of publication.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.