

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan D. Zlotnik

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 acting mayors during COVID-19 State of Emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>

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By Mr. Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Dean A. Tran for legislation to authorize acting mayors to operate with the authority of mayors during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act relative to acting mayors during COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, or any other general law, city charter, ordinance, or by-
2 law, or any special legislation limiting the authority and duties of an acting mayor as set forth
3 therein, upon the Governor acting pursuant to law declaring the COVID-19 state of emergency,
4 dated March 10, 2020 and designated as executive order 591, an “acting mayor’s” powers shall
5 not be so limited and the “acting mayor” serving as the result of a vacancy in the office of mayor,
6 caused by the death, absence, or resignation of the mayor, shall possess all the powers of mayor
7 in accordance with law. In addition, such “acting mayor” may make such appointments as are
8 necessary to allow the city to adequately address the needs of its residents during the pendency
9 of the State of Emergency. Said powers and appointments shall continue until such time as the
10 emergency declaration is rescinded by the governor.