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HOUSE . . . . . No. 4690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dean Campbell

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 amendment of section 2-1(a) and section 7-4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Methuen.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Linda Dean Campbell	*15th Essex*	*3/31/2022*
Frank A. Moran	*17th Essex*	*4/1/2022*

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By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4690) of Linda Dean Campbell and Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the composition of the legislative branch of government of the city of Methuen. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to the amendment of section 2-1(a) and section 7-4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Methuen.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-1 of article 2 of the charter of the city of Methuen, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

(a) Composition – There shall be a City Council consisting of nine members which shall exercise the legislative powers of the City. Six Councillors shall be nominated and elected from the voters by districts, two Councillors to be elected from each of the three districts of the City. Three Councillors shall be nominated and elected at large. Precincts 1, 2, 6, 10 and 14, to be known as the Central District; Precincts 3, 7, 9, 12 and 13, to be known as the East District; and Precincts 4, 5, 8, 11 and 15, to be known as the West District. (Increase in number of precincts

from 9 to 12 approved by Legislature, June 10th, 1986, Chapter 88 of the Acts and Resolves of 1986). The City Council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

SECTION 2. Section 7-4 of article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:-

The territory of Methuen shall be divided into fifteen precincts, so established as to consist of as nearly equal a number of inhabitants as it is possible in compact and contiguous territory; bounded insofar as possible by the center line of known streets or ways or by other well defined limits. The fifteen precincts shall be separated into three districts. The Central District shall include Precincts 1, 2, 6, 10 and 14; the East District shall include Precincts 3, 7, 9, 12 and 13; and the West District shall include Precincts 4, 5, 8, 11 and 15. (Increase in precincts from 9 to 12 approved by the Legislature June 10th, 1986 – Chapter 88 of the Acts and Resolves of 1986; see Resolution #1473).