

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4765**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon and Cindy F. Friedman***

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*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 incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/22/2022</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4765) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington.

*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. Section 2(b) of Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970, as most recently amended  
2 by Chapter 686 of the Acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           Any incumbent town meeting member may become a candidate for re-election by giving  
5 written notice thereof to the town clerk not later than twenty-one days prior to the last day and  
6 hour for filing nomination papers, provided the town meeting member has been in attendance for  
7 fifty percent or more of the individual days of town meeting held during their term of office,  
8 whether a quorum is present, or any business is conducted. Otherwise, the incumbent shall  
9 follow the same requirements as a non-incumbent candidate for town meeting.