

HOUSE No. 4877

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira

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 authorizing the town of Falmouth to hold a special election for members of a municipal light board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>5/26/2022</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>6/15/2022</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>6/16/2022</i>

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4877) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to hold a special election for the purpose of electing members of a municipal light board. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Falmouth to hold a special election for members of a municipal light board.

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 any general or special law to the contrary:

2 The Select Board of the Town of Falmouth may call a special election on the same day in
3 November, 2022 as the general state election for the purpose of electing a municipal light board
4 consisting of five (5) citizens of the town provided that one (1) member shall be initially chosen
5 for a term ending on the first Monday following the annual town election in May, 2024; two (2)
6 members shall be initially chosen for terms ending on the first Monday following the annual
7 town election in May, 2025; two (2) members shall be initially chosen for terms ending on the
8 first Monday following the annual town election in May, 2026, and thereafter the term shall be
9 for three (3) years.

10 Nomination papers for member of the municipal light board shall be made available by
11 the Town Clerk of the Town of Falmouth on or before September 5, 2022; completed nomination

12 papers for member of the municipal light board shall be filed with the board of registrars of the
13 Town of Falmouth for certification of signatures not later than 5:00 PM on September 20, 2022;
14 the board of registrars shall complete certification of signatures not later than 5:00 PM on
15 September 27, 2022; the Town Clerk shall conduct a lottery for position on the ballot on
16 September 28, 2022; the board of registrars shall file the certified nomination papers with the
17 Town Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on September 30, 2022 and a candidate who has filed
18 nomination papers may withdraw the candidate's nomination by filing a notarized withdrawl
19 with the Town Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on October 4, 2022.

20 The Town Clerk Is authorized to take all action necessary to conduct the special election
21 to elect members of a municipal light board on the same day in November, 2022 as the general
22 state election.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.