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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 remote town meetings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*5/6/2021*

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1334) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to remote town meetings. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act relative to remote town meetings.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect forthwith both public health and the viability of town meetings in the face of the state, national and global public health emergencies existing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

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 8 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 is hereby amended by adding, after paragraph (i), the following paragraph:-

(j) If notice of a warrant, as described in Section 10 of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws, has been given before the conclusion of the governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency for a town meeting, said town meeting may be held through remote participation.