

SENATE No. 2950

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to time of precinct and district charter amendments taking effect.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc R. Pacheco

First Plymouth and Bristol

Angelo L. D'Emilia

8th Plymouth

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2950) of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Bridgewater town charter relative to time of precinct and district charter amendments taking effect. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local approval received]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending the Bridgewater town charter relative to time of precinct and district charter amendments taking effect.

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

1 ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to delete Article X, Section 10-7 of
2 the Bridgewater Town Charter and to replace with the following:

3 This Charter is and shall remain in full force and effect.

4 Section 10-7. Time of Precinct and District Charter Amendments Taking Effect.

5 Upon the State Legislature's approval of the Precinct and District Charter Amendments as
6 a Special Act:

7 (a) The election to elect the newly constituted Town Council under the Charter
8 Amendments shall occur within one hundred eighty (180) days, however, the Town shall
9 endeavor for said election to occur by the annual town election to be conducted on April 30,
10 2022;

11 (b) Should the election not occur by the annual town election on April 30, 2022, the
12 Town Council as constituted at that time (i.e. prior to the amendments prescribed by the Special
13 Act of the State Legislature) shall continue to serve in their current roles until such time as the
14 election stated in Section (a) herein has occurred; and

15 (c) The Town Council elected at the election stated in Section (a) herein shall take office
16 immediately upon election and certification, subject to the following transitional provisions:

17 1. The term of office of any District Councilor serving prior to the election referenced in
18 Section (a) herein shall immediately expire and the term of office of each District Councilor
19 elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall commence upon certification of the
20 election.

21 2. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large serving prior to the election referenced in
22 Section (a) herein shall immediately expire and the term of office of each Councilor-at-Large
23 elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall commence upon certification of
24 election, provided, however, that any Councilor-at-Large serving prior to the election referenced
25 in Section (a) that has not fulfilled his/her full term of office shall be entitled to serve the
26 remainder of the term for which he/she was elected to serve.

27 3. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in
28 Section (a) herein to serve District 2 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2023 election and
29 upon the election and certification of his/her successor.

30 4. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in
31 Section (a) herein to serve District 1 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2024 election and
32 upon the election and certification of his/her successor.

33 5. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in
34 Section (a) herein to serve District 3 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2025 election and
35 upon election and certification of his/her successor.

36 6. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large elected at the election referenced in
37 Section (a) herein shall accord with the below-indicated transitional term of office, each such
38 term as shall have been determined by the ballot bearing his name:

39 a) Three-year Term:

40 Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in
41 Section (a) herein until the April 2025 election

42 b) Two-year Term:

43 One (1) Councilor-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in Section
44 (a) herein until the April 2024 election.

45 c) One-year Term:

46 Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in
47 Section (a) herein until the April 2023 election.

48 7. After the terms set forth in this Section 10-7, all Town Councilors will serve three year
49 terms.