

HOUSE No. 4430

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy

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 Dracut to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/31/2023</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>11/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Garry of Dracut and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4430) of Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Dracut be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Dracut to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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 section 11 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, or any
2 general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Dracut may adopt and further amend general
3 by-laws that regulate the publishing of legal notices of public hearings on the official website
4 operated by the town.

5 SECTION 2. The town may allow all legal notices of public hearings to be published: (i)
6 in a local newspaper, either in electronic or paper format; or (ii) on the bulletin outside the town
7 clerk's office; and (iii) on the town's website.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.