

HOUSE No. 4253

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Ryan

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 elected terms and municipal years.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>6/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4253) of Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to terms of elected office in the city of Boston. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to elected terms and municipal years.

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 8 of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by striking
2 out the words “the first Monday of January” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
3 the first weekday after the second day in January.

4 SECTION 2. Section 9 of said chapter 452 is hereby amended by striking out the words
5 “the first Monday in January” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the first
6 weekday after the second day in January.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 9 of said chapter 452 is hereby further amended by striking out
8 the words “the first Monday of the January” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
9 the first weekday after the second day in January.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect starting with the elected terms and the municipal
11 year that begins on January 5, 2026.