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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Simon Cataldo and Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the Town of Concord.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Simon Cataldo	*14th Middlesex*	*9/10/2025*
Michael J. Barrett	*Third Middlesex*	*10/24/2025*

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By Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4522) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) relative to remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the town of Concord. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the Town of Concord.

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. Notwithstanding chapter 39 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law or charter provision to the contrary, the Town of Concord may hold Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings with voters located in a common, physical location in-person, fully remotely, or through a hybrid of a remote and in-person format.

SECTION 2. Any Town meeting held completely remotely or in hybrid form in accordance with this act shall be recorded and the recording shall be made available for public viewing on the town's website, or another publicly available video platform for at least 30 days following the conclusion of the meeting. The recording shall also be a public record of the Town, subject to disclosure upon request.

SECTION 3. All actions taken at a remote or hybrid Town Meeting held in accordance with this act shall have the same effect as if the Town Meeting had been conducted entirely in person.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.