

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, for a Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400). January 5, 2026. [Local Approval Received].

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies.

*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 2-4 of article 2 of the charter of the city known as the town of  
2 Randolph, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in  
3 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a)  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-  
5 (a) Salary - The town council may receive compensation as provided by ordinance.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 2-6 of said article 2 of said charter is hereby  
7 amended by striking out clause (ii) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

8           ii. Special meetings of the town council shall be held at the call of the council president  
9       upon 48 hours' notice to all members. Special meetings of the town council may also be held  
10      upon the call of any 3 or more members, upon 48 hours' notice delivered in hand or to the place  
11      of residence of each member. Notice of a special meeting shall contain a listing of the items to be

12      acted upon. A copy of the notice to members shall, forthwith, be posted upon the town bulletin  
13      board. In the case of emergency, notice of a special meeting shall be given as far in advance of  
14      the meeting as possible under the circumstances.

15            SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of section 2-9 of said article 2 of said charter is hereby  
16      amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
17      paragraph:-

18            On the first occasion that the question of adopting any measure is put to the town council  
19      for a vote, except an emergency measure as defined in subsection (a), if a single member objects  
20      to the taking of a vote, the vote shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting of the  
21      town council. If, when the matter is next taken up for a vote, 4 or more members object to the  
22      taking of the vote, the matter shall be further postponed for at least 4 additional days. This  
23      procedure shall not be used more than once for any measure, notwithstanding any amendment  
24      made to the original measure.

25            SECTION 4. Subsection (e) of section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is hereby amended  
26      by inserting after the word “duties” the following words: “and may receive compensation as  
27      provided by ordinance”.

28            SECTION 5. Section 8-6 of article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out  
29      subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

30            (a) Meetings - All multiple-member bodies of the town shall meet regularly at such  
31      times and places as they may, by their own rules, prescribe, unless some other provision is made  
32      by ordinance. Special meetings of any multiple-member body shall be held at the call of the chair  
33      upon 48 hours' notice to all members. Special meetings may also be held upon the call of one-

34 third of the members of the body, upon 48 hours' notice delivered in hand or to the place of  
35 residence of each member. Notice of a special meeting shall contain a listing of the items to be  
36 acted upon. A copy of the notice to members shall, forthwith, be posted upon the town bulletin  
37 board. In the case of emergency, notice of a special meeting shall be given as far in advance of  
38 the meeting as possible under the circumstances.

39 SECTION 6. The town attorney shall cause the following question to be placed on the  
40 official ballot to be used in the city known as the town of Randolph at the next town election that  
41 is more than 35 days after the effective date of this section, or on such other official town ballot,  
42 before or after the effective date of this section, as may be authorized by the town council:

43 "Question 1: Shall the town amend the town charter to provide that elected town council  
44 members and school committee members may be compensated in an amount to be provided by  
45 ordinance, to clarify the rules for voting on town council measures when one councilor objects to  
46 the measure, and to clarify the notice requirements for special meetings of the town council and  
47 other multiple-member town boards?

48 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_".

49 The town attorney for the city known as the town of Randolph shall prepare a summary  
50 of the ballot question that shall appear on the ballot along with the question provided in this  
51 section.

52 SECTION 7. (a) If the voters in the city known as the town of Randolph approve  
53 question 1 in section 6, then sections 1 through 5, inclusive, shall take effect on January 1, 2026  
54 or 30 days after certification of the election results, whichever is later.

55 (b) If the voters in the city known as the town of Randolph do not approve question 1 in  
56 section 6, then sections 1 through 5, inclusive, shall not take effect.

57 SECTION 8. Sections 6 through 8, inclusive, shall take effect upon the passage of this  
58 act.