

HOUSE No. 5052

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 town meeting accessibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2026</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5052) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to town meeting form of government in the town of Burlington. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to town meeting accessibility.

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 12 of Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970 is hereby amended by adding the
2 following new paragraph -

3 (h) The Town Meeting shall be accessible by those Town Meeting Members who wish to
4 attend, either in person or remotely via a video conferencing platform, with a maximum of
5 fifteen (15) members attending remotely. This communications platform will allow users to
6 connect using an internet connection and a supported device. Members of these meetings shall be
7 able to be recognized by the Moderator or Chair, and their vote, where applicable, be recorded
8 via the electronic communications platform.