

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5387**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of Westford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2026</i>

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By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5387) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize print-free digital legal notices in the town of Westford. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of Westford.

*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 subsection (b) of section 13 of chapter 4 of the General  
2 Laws, wherever the Town of Westford or Westford public schools or their subdivisions,  
3 committees, boards, commissions or offices are required by statute, ordinance, by-law or judicial  
4 order to publish a legal notice in a newspaper or newspaper of general circulation, such  
5 requirement may be met through 1 or more of the following means: (i) a print newspaper of local  
6 or general circulation; (ii) a newspaper’s website; (iii) websites reporting local news and opinion  
7 which satisfy all criteria for digital publication as set forth in said subsection (c) of said section  
8 13 of said chapter 4; (iv) a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such  
9 notices; or (v) a town-wide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices.

10 SECTION 2. Nothing set forth in this act shall be construed to alter or amend the time or  
11 timing of publication of legal notices set forth in the General Laws.

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