

HOUSE No. 836

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard M. Haggerty and Kate Lipper-Garabedian

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 expanding ballot access for regional school district votes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to ballot access for regional school district votes. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 690 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act expanding ballot access for regional school district votes.

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 16 of Chapter 71 is hereby amended by striking out Section 16 (n) and inserting in
2 place thereof the following section:

3 "The number and location of the polling place, or places, in each town shall be
4 determined by the district committee after consultation with the select board or city council
5 thereof; and the hours during which all the polls in the district are open shall be uniform
6 throughout the district and shall be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m."