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HOUSE . . . . . No. 4171

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian W. Murray

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 any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*5/22/2025*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*7/1/2025*

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By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford.

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. Chapter 271 of the acts of 1933 is hereby amended by striking out section 7, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 297 of the acts of 1992, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 7. Any vacancy in the full number of town meeting members from any precinct, whether arise from a failure of the registered voters thereof to elect, or from any other cause, may be filled, until the next annual election, by the remaining members of the precinct from among the registered voters thereof. Notice of any vacancy shall promptly be given by the Town Clerk to the members from the precinct in which the vacancy or vacancies exist and he/she shall call a special meeting of such members for the purpose of filling any vacancy. He/She shall cause to be mailed to every such member a notice specifying the object, time and place of the meeting with the notice of the time and place at which representative town meetings are to be held as set forth in section three. At the said special meeting a majority of the members from

such precinct shall constitute a quorum, and they shall elect from their own numbers a chairman and a clerk. The choice to fill any vacancy shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be required for a choice. The chairman and clerk shall count the ballots and shall make a certificate of the choice and forthwith file the same with the Town Clerk, together with a written acceptance by the member or members so chosen, who shall thereupon be deemed elected and qualified as a town meeting member or members, subject to the right of all the town meeting members to judge of the election and qualifications of the members as set forth in section three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.