SENATE . . . . No. 2509

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 relating to vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2509) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relating to vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

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An Act relating to vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford.

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 section 59A of chapter 43 of the General Laws, or any

2 general or special law to the contrary, if a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor before the last

3 12 months of the term of office, the city clerk shall forthwith order an election to fill such

4 vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5   If a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor during the last 12 months of the term of

6 office, the city council shall forthwith hold a meeting and elect by majority vote one of its

7 members as mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the city council fails to so elect at

8 said meeting or within 30 days thereafter, the president of the city council shall become acting

9 mayor, shall exercise all the rights and powers of mayor and shall be sworn to the faithful

10 discharge of the mayor's duties.

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