

Senate, January 22, 2026 - Substituted as a new draft (Senator Fernandes) for the Senate Bill relative to elected and appointed officials of the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 2679).

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act validating and confirming certain acts and proceedings taken or conducted by certain elected and appointed officials in the town of Plymouth.

*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 sections 5-3-1 and 5-3-2 of the charter of the town of  
2 Plymouth or any other general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings of  
3 representative town meetings held in the town of Plymouth on or after March 18, 2020 and all  
4 actions and proceedings in reliance thereon are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed  
5 notwithstanding that some members of the representative town meeting were not sworn in within  
6 30 days after their election. Any representative town meeting member serving on the effective  
7 date of this act who was not sworn in within 30 days after the election shall continue to serve in  
8 that position until the expiration of their unexpired term unless sooner vacated.

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 123 of the by-laws of the town of  
10 Plymouth or any other general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings conducted  
11 by elected and appointed officials in the town of Plymouth on or after April 11, 2015 and all  
12 actions and proceedings taken in reliance thereon are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed

13 notwithstanding that some elected and appointed officials may have not been sworn in within 30  
14 days after their election. Any appointed official serving in office on the effective date of this act  
15 who was not sworn in within 30 days after their appointment shall continue to serve in such  
16 position until the expiration of their unexpired term unless sooner vacated.

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