

SENATE No. 3138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

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 authorizing the town of Medfield to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rebecca L. Rausch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3138) of Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Medfield to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the town of Medfield to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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 13 of chapter 4 or section 11 of chapter 40A of the
2 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Medfield may
3 utilize alternative means of publishing legal notices for public hearings that are required by law.

4 SECTION 2. The town may permit that all notices of such public hearings shall be
5 published on the bulletin board located in the front entryway of the Town House and: (i) in a
6 local newspaper of general circulation, in either electronic or paper format; or (ii) on the town’s
7 website. For the purposes of this section, the term “website” shall mean the official website of
8 the town of Medfield that is operated and maintained by the town’s government.

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