SENATE . . . . . No. 3270

Senate, September 14, 2026 - Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Eldridge) to the House Bill amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 169 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out sections 5 and 6 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

Section 5. This act may be restarted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters of the town at any regular or special town election at which the question of restarting is placed on the ballot by the select board. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after such affirmative vote.

Section 6. This act may be paused by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters of the town at any regular or special town election at which the question of pausing is placed on the ballot by the select board. If paused at an election pursuant to this section, this act may only be restarted by a subsequent regular or special election. Pausing of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after such affirmative vote.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 169 of the acts of 2012 is hereby further amended by striking out section 8, as amended by section 1 of chapter 10 of the acts of 2016, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 8. (a) Every 3 calendar years, at its town meeting, the town of Sudbury shall, vote on the following question except insofar as this act has otherwise been previously paused pursuant to subsection (c):

"Shall chapter 169 of the acts of 2012 entitled, 'An act authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption' be extended for another 3 years?"

(b) If a vote taken pursuant to subsection (a) is in the affirmative, then this act shall continue in effect.

(c) If a vote taken pursuant to subsection (a) is in the negative, then this act shall be paused until such time as town meeting votes to restart it for another 3-year term.

(d) If paused, this act may be restarted by a subsequent vote of town meeting on the following question:

"Shall chapter 169 of the acts of 2012 entitled, 'An act authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption' be restarted and extended for another 3 years?".