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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney and William C. Galvin

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 further regulating town elections in the town of Canton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Feeney and Mr. Galvin of Canton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2605) of Paul R. Feeney and William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate town elections in the town of Canton. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act further regulating town elections in the town of Canton.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, the regular town election in the town of Canton of town officials and the determination of other matters that are required by law to be determined by ballot shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November in each year.

SECTION 2. In even numbered years, state and federal elections and town of Canton elections of town officials and the determination of other matters that are required by law to be determined by ballot shall be combined on a single ballot.

SECTION 3. The town of Canton shall synchronize all local elections of town officials and the determination of others matters that are required by law to be determine by ballot occurring in even years with state and federal elections.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage, provided that:

(a) if passage of this act takes place during a presidential election year the effective date of this act shall be delayed by one year until the following November; and

(b) the term of an elected official of the town of Canton that is set to expire in the year in which this act takes effect shall be extended until the certification of the regular town election held in November of such year pursuant to this act, unless such member vacates office sooner, in which case said vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the applicable law for filling such a vacancy in effect at the time said vacancy occurs.