

# House . . . . . No. 4564

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to An Act Validating Action Taken at an Annual Town Meeting, an Annual Town Election of Town Officers, a Special Town Meeting, an Additional Special Town Meeting, and a Special Election Held in the Town of Wilbraham.

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, “An Act Validating Action Taken at an Annual Town Meeting, an Annual Town Election of Town Officers, a Special Town Meeting, an Additional Special Town Meeting, and a Special Election Held in the Town of Wilbraham.”

Senator Candaras, Representative Puppolo and the Wilbraham Board of Selectmen have requested that I file this legislation on behalf of the Town. The purpose of the legislation is to validate votes and actions taken at an Annual Town Meeting, an Annual Town Election of Town Officers, two Special Town Meetings, and a Special Election. Warrants for these meetings and elections were not posted in one of the 4 precincts required by law because the former public posting place was shuttered. The Town Clerk identified a nearby public posting place that actually falls just outside the proper precinct. She identified this location because it is in the highly trafficked Village Center. In addition to public posting, the election warrants also were delivered to every household in Wilbraham.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

DEVAL L. PATRICK,

*Governor.*

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

An Act Validating Action Taken at an Annual Town Meeting, an Annual Town Election of Town Officers, a Special Town Meeting, an Additional Special Town Meeting, and a Special Election Held in the Town of Wilbraham.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1                   Notwithstanding section 9A of chapter 39 and section 10 of chapter 39 of the General  
2   Laws or any other special law or by-law to the contrary, the acts and proceedings taken by the Town of  
3   Wilbraham at the annual town meeting held on May 11, 2009, on May 16, 2009 at the annual town  
4   election, and on June 15, 2009; and all actions taken at a special town meeting held on May 11, 2009; and  
5   all actions taken at a special town meeting held on October 5, 2009; and all actions taken at a special town  
6   election held on October 20, 2009; and all actions taken pursuant thereto, are hereby ratified, validated  
7   and confirmed to the extent as if the warrants for the said annual town meeting and special town  
8   meetings, and elections of town officers and a special election held on October 20, 2009, had been  
9   published in full compliance with law and town by-law.

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