

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary**

Bill #: H.4400

Title: An Act relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Wells

Committee: Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: September 4 to September 11, 2025 written testimony hearing

Current Law:

Section 2-4(a) of the Randolph charter states that the town council shall serve without compensation.

Section 4-1(e) states that members of the school committee may be reimbursed for expenses but makes no mention of compensation.

Section 2-9(b) states that if a member of the town council postpones a vote during a meeting of the town council, it may be taken up after a period of at least five days.

Summary:

Section 1 edits Section 2-4(a) of the Randolph charter by adding language allowing for compensation to the town council as provided by ordinance.

Section 2 amends Section 4-1(e) by adding language allowing for compensation to the school committee as provided by ordinance.

Section 3 changes Section 2-9(b) by decreasing the amount of time a matter may be taken up by the city council after having been previously postponed by a member of the council from five to four days.

Section 4 amends Section 2-6(c)(ii) by requiring a 48 hours' notice before a special meeting of the town council.

Section 5 edits Section 8-6(a) by expanding said 48-hour notice for special meetings to all town boards.

Section 6 states that the content of this act shall be placed as a ballot question onto the ballot of the next regular election that is more than 35 days after the effective date of this act, with a summary prepared by the town attorney.

Section 7 states that if the ballot question is approved, sections 1 through 5 shall take effect. If it is not approved, the same sections shall not take effect.

Section 8 states that sections 1 through 5 shall take effect on January 1, 2026, or upon passage. Sections 6 through 8 shall take effect upon passage.

Notes:

Approved unanimously as Council Order 2025-059 by the Randolph Town Council during meeting dated July 28, 2025.