

Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary

Bill #: H.4878

Title: An Act allowing a lease term of up to 99 years for 305 South Street East or a portion thereof

Sponsor: Rep. Dennis Gallagher

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: March 3, 2026

Current Law: MGL Chapter 30B, Section 16 states that If a governmental body duly authorized by general or special law to engage in such transaction determines that it shall rent, convey, or otherwise dispose of real property, the governmental body shall declare the property available for disposition and shall specify the restrictions, if any, that it will place on the subsequent use of the property. The governmental body must determine the value of the property, and if the property is disposed of at less than the appraised value, disclose the details by publishing them in the Central Register.

Summary: Section 1 authorizes the Raynham Board of Selectmen to lease 305 South Street East, also known as the former South School, or a portion thereof, for a term of not more than 99 years.

Section 2 provides for this act to take effect upon its passage.

Notes: Language approved as Article 26 by the May 19, 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

The former South Elementary School was closed in 2004. According to the sponsor's office, the school is currently being used by the local community access channel, known as Raynham Community Access and Media (RAYCAM). This legislation would allow the town to extend the current lease for that organization.