

**Massachusetts House of Representatives**  
**Bill Summary**

**Bill #:** H.5052

**Title:** An Act relative to town meeting accessibility (in the town of Burlington)

**Sponsor:** Rep. Kenneth Gordon

**Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:** March 3, 2026

**Current Law:** Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1970 established the representative town meeting form of government in the town of Burlington. Section 12 of said chapter governs procedures for conducting business at town meeting. Members of the public have a right to attend such meetings, and registered voters of the town may speak at town meeting.

**Summary:** This special legislation amends the 1970 special act by inserting a new paragraph (h) into section 12 of the act, to provide a mechanism for allowing up to 15 town meeting members to participate remotely.

The town would use a video conferencing platform to implement this provision, allowing users to connect using an internet connection and supported electronic device. The legislation states that such a system would permit members who attend remotely to be recognized by the moderator or chair, and for their vote to be recorded through use of the electronic communications platform.

**Notes:** Language approved as Article 32 by the adjourned May 12, 2025 Annual Town Meeting; declared passed by the Town Moderator.