

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 6049

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 30, 1979.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5829) of M. Joseph Manning for legislation to further clarify the election of town meeting members from redistricted precincts, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6049) ought to pass.

For the committee,

TIMOTHY A. BASSETT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

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AN ACT FURTHER CLARIFYING THE ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS FROM REDISTRICTED PRECINCTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section thirty-four of Chapter fifty-three as most  
2 recently amended by Section one of Chapter three hundred eighty  
3 of the Acts of nineteen hundred seventy-four is hereby further  
4 amended by striking the third sentence of the seventh paragraph and  
5 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

6 A candidate for election to the same office in a precinct, ward or  
7 district which contains any portion of the territory which he was  
8 elected to represent at the last preceding municipal election for that  
9 office shall be considered an elected incumbent within the meaning  
10 of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty-one of Chapter fifty-four of the  
2 General Laws as most recently amended by Section two of Chapter  
3 three hundred eighty of the Acts of nineteen hundred seventy-four  
4 is hereby further amended by striking the third sentence of the third  
5 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new one: —

6 A candidate for election to the same office in a precinct, ward, or  
7 district which contains any portion of the territory which he was  
8 elected to at the last preceding municipal election for that office  
9 shall be considered an elected incumbent within the meaning of this  
10 section.

1 SECTION 3. Section forty-two of said Chapter of the General  
2 Laws as most recently amended by Chapter one hundred thirty-six  
3 of the Acts of nineteen hundred seventy-eight is hereby further  
4 amended by striking the second sentence of the second paragraph  
5 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

6 A candidate for election to the same office in a precinct, ward or  
7 district which contains any portion of the territory which he was  
8 elected to represent at the last preceding municipal election for that  
9 office shall be considered an elected incumbent within the meaning  
10 of this section.

