

By Ms. Clapprood of Sharon, petition of Marjorie A. Clapprood (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Stoughton to change the date of the annual town meeting. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON.

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. Article 7 of the charter of the town of Stoughton
2 which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth,
3 as provided in section twelve of chapter forty-three B of the
4 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the first
5 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
6 paragraph: —

7 The annual town meeting will be held on the first Monday in
8 May. The Board of Selectmen shall insert all articles into the
9 warrant for the Annual Town Meeting which bear signatures of
10 ten or more registered voters of the town. The annual town
11 meeting warrant will close to petitioned and budget articles on
12 December 31 of the year previous to the annual town meeting.
13 The warrant shall remain open to the Board of Selectmen until
14 the first Monday in February.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the
2 voters of the town of Stoughton at the annual town election to
3 be held in the year nineteen hundred and ninety or at any regular
4 or special town election to be held thereafter in the form of the
5 following question which shall be placed on the official ballot to
6 be used for the election: —

7 "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen

8 hundred and ninety entitled 'An Act relative to the date of the
 9 annual town meeting in the town of Stoughton', be accepted?"
 10 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the
 11 affirmative, this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.