

By Mr. Card of Holbrook, petition of Andrew H. Card, Jr., for legislation to allow towns to delay the calling of annual town meetings in the current year. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A TOWN MAY DELAY THE CALLING OF ITS TOWN MEETING IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide immediately for a
3 town to delay its annual town meeting for the current year, there-
4 fore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section nine of chapter thirty-
2 nine of the General Laws or any other general or special law,
3 by-law or charter to the contrary, any town by a vote of its
4 selectmen may delay the calling of its annual town meeting for the
5 current year: provided that such annual town meeting is called on a
6 date prior to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
7 eighty-two. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any portion
8 of the annual town meeting which provides for the election and
9 certification of officers and other matters to be determined by
10 ballot for the current year. The calls for the annual town meeting
11 and for the election and certification of officers shall be provided
12 by the issuance of one or more warrants as provided in sections
13 nine A and ten of chapter thirty-nine of the General Laws.

