

HOUSE No. 6675

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1981.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the form of representative town government in the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 6534), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6675).

For the committee,

ALFRED L. SAGGESE, JR.

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPEAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TO THE VOTERS OF SAID TOWN.

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

1 Chapter 23 of the acts of 1981 is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section: —

3 *Section 5.* Said chapter 57 is hereby further amended by insert-
4 ing after section 12 the following section: —

5 *Section 12A.* After the expiration of three years from the effec-
6 tive date of this act, the town may vote to reestablish open town
7 meetings in said town and thereupon all laws relative to said town
8 in effect prior to the effective date of this act shall apply to said
9 town and the provisions of sections one to twelve, inclusive, of this
0 act shall no longer apply. The question of reestablishment of open
1 town meetings in said town shall be, upon a petition filed as
2 hereinafter provided, submitted to the voters thereof in the form of
3 the following question: — “Shall representative town meetings be
4 abolished in the town and all provisions of law in effect prior to the
5 effective date of this act be in full force and effect?”

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YES	
NO	

8 If the majority of the votes cast in answer to this question is in the
9 affirmative, representative town meeting in said town shall termi-
0 nate and all provisions of law applicable to said town prior to the
1 effective date of said sections one to twelve, inclusive, shall apply.

2 A petition to place the aforesaid question shall be signed by at
3 ten per cent of the voters of the town at least fifty of whom shall be
4 from each precincts. If a majority of the voters cast in answer to the
5 question submitted under this section, said question shall not be
6 again submitted to the voters until the third annual meeting there-
7 after.