

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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JANE SWIFT  
GOVERNOR

November 7, 2002

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am filing herewith today a bill entitled, "An Act to Extend the Agency Filing Deadline in a Gubernatorial Election Year". This legislation will extend the deadline for state agencies to file legislation in an election year for the next legislative session from the first Wednesday of November to the first Wednesday in February. This legislation will help to ensure that in an election year the Governor and state agencies work together to advance policy initiatives that reflects the priorities of both the state agencies and the Governor.

In keeping with my desire for an orderly transition, I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane M. Swift".

Jane M. Swift  
Governor

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In the Year Two Thousand and Two.

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AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AGENCY FILING DEADLINE IN A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEAR.

*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 33 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the
- 3 following at the end of the last sentence therein:—
- 4 “, provided further that in a year in which a gubernatorial elec-
- 5 tion is held, such recommendations shall be filed with said clerk
- 6 on or before the first Wednesday in February following the first
- 7 annual session of the general court.”