

By Mr. Carron of Southbridge, petition of Mark J. Carron and Richard T. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Southbridge. Local Affairs and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Four.

AN ACT AMENDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE HOME RULE CHARTER.

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. Pursuant to the authority of Amend. Art. II of the
2 Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule Amendment, and
3 the provisions of section 20 of chapter 43B of the General Laws,
4 and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
5 to the contrary, the Southbridge Home Rule Charter, as most
6 recently amended, shall be further amended to make applicable to
7 the town of Southbridge, those General Laws to towns by
8 inserting at the conclusion of Section 1-2-1 the following: "The
9 Town of Southbridge shall be governed by those General Laws
10 applicable to towns where the laws of the Commonwealth of
11 Massachusetts distinguish between towns and cities and all the
12 provisions of law applicable to towns shall be applicable to the
13 Town of Southbridge, except as otherwise specifically provided in
14 this Charter; provided, however, that the provisions of G.L.
15 chapter 40, section 32 shall not apply to the town of Southbridge."

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, all actions taken since July 1, 2004, by
3 the town of Southbridge and the town of Southbridge Town
4 Council in accordance with those General Laws applicable to
5 towns shall be ratified, validated and confirmed as though this act
6 had been in effect since July 1, 2004.

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

