

SENATE, NO. 2305

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH

*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. Section 2 of chapter 324 of the acts of 1947, as amended by chapter 404 of the acts of
2 1989, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the
3 following 7 sentences:-
4 A write-in candidate for the office of town meeting member must receive 10 or more votes in the
5 precinct in which he is eligible to vote in order to be elected in that precinct. The town clerk shall,
6 after every election of town meeting members, forthwith notify each such member by mail of his
7 election. If any person elected as a town meeting member fails to take the oath of office within 90
8 days following his election, or fails to attend more than one-half of the sessions of the town meetings
9 held in a calendar year the member shall be considered to have resigned and the member's place shall
10 be declared vacant. A town meeting member who fails to attend more than one-half of the sessions of
11 the town meeting held in a calendar year may appeal the declaration of vacancy by requesting a
12 hearing on removal. A request for hearing shall be made in writing and shall be filed with the town
13 clerk on or before January 15 of the following calendar year. A hearing shall be held before a

14 committee consisting of the town clerk, town moderator and chairman of the board of registrars not
15 later than January 25 of said year. Upon a showing of good cause by the member, the committee may
16 excuse 1 or more absences and may rescind the declaration of vacancy if the town meeting member
17 attended at least one-half of the unexcused sessions of the town meeting during the calendar year.

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19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the date of the first annual town election for town meeting
20 members occurring after enactment of this act.

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