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Message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to a voting precinct in the town of Dracut. February 23, 2012.

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February 23, 2012.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, “An Act Relative to a Voting Precinct in the Town of Dracut.”

Senator Finegold, Representative Gary and the Dracut Board of Selectmen have requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town. The legislation establishes precinct 6 in the Town of Dracut as 1 precinct for the purpose of forming congressional, representative, senatorial or councilor districts. However, Precinct 6 shall have 2 polling places for the purpose of voting in a state or municipal election. One polling location, “Precinct 6A”, will be located in the Senior Center at 951 Mammoth Road and will serve voters residing in the Senior Residence Homes located at 901 and 971 Mammoth Road. The other polling location, “Precinct 6”, will serve all other voters in the precinct. This legislation is necessary because these sub-precincts, originally established by chapter 84 of the Acts of 2002, were removed during the recent redistricting process.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "P".

DEVAL L. PATRICK,  
*Governor.*

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve  
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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO A VOTING PRECINCT IN THE TOWN OF DRACUT.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which is forthwith to establish a new voting precinct for the citizens of the town of Dracut, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the 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 follow*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, precinct 6 of the  
2 town of Dracut shall be 1 precinct for the purpose of forming congressional, representative,  
3 senatorial or councilor districts but shall have 2 polling places for the purposes of voting in a  
4 state or municipal election: 1 polling location shall be located in the Senior Center at 951  
5 Mammoth road, to serve voters residing at 901 and 971 Mammoth road located in the town of  
6 Dracut and shall be known as precinct 6A and the other polling location shall be designated by

7 the board of selectmen under section 24 of chapter 54 of the General Laws to serve all others  
8 in current precinct 6 which shall be known as precinct 6.

9 SECTION 2. The board of registrars of voters and the town clerk shall divide precinct 6 into  
10 precincts 6 and 6A as set forth in section 1, and only the names of voters who reside in each  
11 precinct shall appear on the voting list for any such precinct.

12 SECTION 3: This act shall take effect upon its passage.