

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4039

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Substituted, in part, on a motion by Mr. Durant of Spencer, for the House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Southbridge (House, No. 3900). [Local Approval Received]. April 17, 2012.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve  
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An Act exempting the town of Southbridge from attorney general approval of by-laws.

*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 1-2-1 of the charter of the town of Southbridge, which is on file in the  
2 office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the  
3 General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The town of Southbridge  
4 shall be governed by those General Laws applicable to towns where the laws of the  
5 commonwealth distinguish between towns and cities, and all laws applicable to towns shall be  
6 applicable to the town of Southbridge, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter;  
7 provided, however, that section 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws shall not apply to the town  
8 of Southbridge.

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws, this act shall be  
10 submitted to the voters of the town of Southbridge in the form of the following question which  
11 shall be placed on the ballot at a regular or special town election to be held in the year 2012 and

12 the town council of the town of Southbridge shall cause a fair and concise summary of the  
13 question to be included below the ballot question.

14 QUESTION: “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2012, entitled ‘An Act  
15 exempting the town of Southbridge from attorney general approval of by-laws.’ be accepted?”

16 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to this question are in the affirmative, this act shall take  
17 effect, but not otherwise.

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