

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4041

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Substituted, in part, on a motion by Mr. Durant of Spencer, for residue of 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 relative to the removal of the vice chairperson of the council of the town of Southbridge.

*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 9 of chapter 2 of the charter of the town of Southbridge, which is on file in  
2 the 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 section:-

4 Section 2-9-5: The vice chairperson may be removed from said office by a two-thirds vote of the  
5 entire council. Any member of the council at any point may make a motion to remove the vice-  
6 chairperson, and, if the motion is seconded, the motion shall be voted upon at that time, without  
7 exception, by the council. A new vice-chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the vote of  
8 the town council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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 relative to the removal of the vice chairperson of the council of the town of Southbridge’ be  
16 accepted?”

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

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