

### **ARTICLE 34 ALLOW FOR SELECT BOARD TO CALL REMOTE TOWN MEETING**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for legislation providing that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, future Town Meetings may meet through remote participation or a hybrid of in-person and remote participation; and further to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments to said act before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: In June 2020, the Legislature temporarily provided express authorization for representative Town Meetings to be held by remote means due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That authorization expired on December 16, 2021. This article would authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation that would authorize town meeting to be held remotely or by a combination of remote and in person means, in the future, even if the state does not reinstate the authority statewide.