ARTICLE 3 AMEND GENERAL BYLAW TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT HYBRID TOWN MEETINGS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 118 Section 18 (Quorum) of the Code of the Town of Lexington to include remote participants as part of the quorum count required for a meeting; and to add a new section on remote participation at Town Meeting; or to 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 was extended and will expire on July 15, 2022. This amendment to the general bylaws explicitly recognizes hybrid meetings of Town Meeting where remote Town Meeting Member participants are allowed to participate fully and count to meeting quorum requirements. In addition, this amendment includes a new section similar to Section 17.C that specifies that remote participation will be governed by a set of operating rules adopted from time to time by Town Meeting.