

BILLS IN MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE RE REMOTE TOWN MEETINGS

Number	Title	Session	Status	
H.2053	An Act authorizing remote participation at town meetings in the town of Wayland	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 4/4/2023	House Referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Senate Senate concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 04/11/2023 from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM in A-1
H.2998	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	House Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Senate Senate concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
H.3025	An Act relative to remote access for public bodies and town meetings	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	House Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Senate Senate concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
H.3040	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	House Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Senate Senate concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
H.668	An Act authorizing the town of Lexington to allow remote participation at town meetings	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 6/14/2023 2/12/2024 2/29/2024	House Referred to the committee on Election Laws Senate Senate concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 06/21/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 House Reporting date extended to Tuesday March 19, 2024 , pending concurrence Senate Senate concurred
S.2011	An Act relative to remote access for public bodies and town meeting	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	Senate Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight House House concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
S.2024	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	Senate Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight House House concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
S.2043	An Act to modernize municipal meetings, town meetings, and local elections	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	Senate Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight House House concurred Joint Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 House Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence

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S.2063	An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation	193rd (Current)	2/16/2023 2/16/2023 7/21/2023 2/12/2024	Senate House Joint House	Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight House concurred Hearing scheduled for 07/26/2023 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-1 Reporting date extended to Monday July 1, 2024 , pending concurrence
S.2571	An Act empowering municipalities and local governments	193rd (Current)	1/29/2024 2/1/2024 2/1/2024 2/1/2024 2/8/2024 2/19/2024 2/21/2024 3/11/2024	Senate Government House House House Senate Joint Joint House	Read and referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional House NON-concurred Sections 1-17, 19-21, 23-25, 28-37, 76-84 and 87 referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Sections 18, 22, 26, 27, 38-75, 85 and 86 referred to the committee on Revenue Senate receded from its action and concurred in the House committee referrals Hearing before Municipalities and Regional Government scheduled for 02/27/2024 from 11:00 AM-02:00 PM in A-1 Hearing scheduled for 02/29/2024 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in A-2 Reporting date extended to Friday June 14, 2024 , pending concurrence

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H.3152	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	192nd (2021 - 2022)	3/29/2021 3/29/2021 5/25/2021 2/9/2022 3/3/2022 4/14/2022 5/24/2022 6/29/2022 7/7/2022 7/18/2022	House Senate Joint House Senate House Senate House Senate House	Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Senate concurred Hearing scheduled for 06/02/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing Reporting date extended to Friday April 15, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Reporting date extended to Thursday June 30, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Reporting date extended to Friday July 15, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Accompanied a new draft, see H5031
H.3213	An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation	192nd (2021 - 2022)	3/29/2021 3/29/2021 5/25/2021 2/9/2022 3/3/2022 4/14/2022 5/24/2022 6/29/2022 7/7/2022 7/18/2022	House Senate Joint House Senate House Senate House Senate House	Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Senate concurred Hearing scheduled for 06/02/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing Reporting date extended to Friday April 15, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Reporting date extended to Thursday June 30, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Reporting date extended to Friday July 15, 2022, pending concurrence Senate concurred Accompanied a new draft, see H5031
H.4985	An Act authorizing remote participation at town meetings in the town of Wayland	192nd (2021 - 2022)	7/6/2022 7/7/2022 7/25/2022 10/27/2022 10/27/2022 10/27/2022 1/3/2023	House Senate House House House House House	Referred to the committee on Election Laws Senate concurred Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading Rules suspended Read second and ordered to a third reading No further action taken
H.5031	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	192nd (2021 - 2022)	7/18/2022 7/18/2022 7/18/2022	House House House	Reported from the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight New draft of S2037, S2055, S2082, S2104, H3111, H3152, H3213, H3224, H3227 and H3826 Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling

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			7/25/2022 next sitting	House	Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the
			7/25/2022	House	Rules suspended
			7/25/2022	House	Read second and ordered to a third reading
			1/3/2023	House	No further action taken
S.2082	An Act to modernize participation in public meetings	192nd (2021 - 2022)	3/29/2021	Senate	Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
			3/29/2021	House	House concurred
			5/25/2021	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 06/02/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing
			2/9/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Friday April 15, 2022, pending concurrence
			3/3/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			4/14/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Thursday June 30, 2022, pending concurrence
			5/24/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			6/29/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Friday July 15, 2022, pending concurrence
			7/7/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			7/18/2022	House	Accompanied a new draft, see H5031
S.2104	An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation	192nd (2021 - 2022)	3/29/2021	Senate	Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
			3/29/2021	House	House concurred
			5/25/2021	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 06/02/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing
			2/9/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Friday April 15, 2022, pending concurrence
			3/3/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			4/14/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Thursday June 30, 2022, pending concurrence
			5/24/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			6/29/2022	House	Reporting date extended to Friday July 15, 2022, pending concurrence
			7/7/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			7/18/2022	House	Accompanied a new draft, see H5031
H.4876	An Act authorizing the town of Lexington to allow remote participation at town meetings	192nd (2021 - 2022)	6/23/2022	House	Referred to the committee on Election Laws
			6/27/2022	Senate	Senate concurred
			7/25/2022	House	Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling
			8/8/2022 next sitting	House	Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the
			8/8/2022	House	Rules suspended
			8/8/2022	House	Read second and ordered to a third reading
			1/3/2023	House	No further action taken

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H.4769	An Act authorizing remote participation at representative town meetings due to the COVID-19 emergency	191st (2019 - 2020)	4/21/2020 4/23/2020 6/1/2020 7/6/2020 7/6/2020 7/6/2020 7/9/2020	House House Senate House House House House	Referred to the committee on House Rules Reported, referred to the committee on Joint Rules, reported, rules suspended and referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Senate concurred Ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) Rules suspended Recommitted to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government Accompanied a new draft, see H4849
H.4849	An Act further addressing challenges to municipalities caused by the COVID-19 emergency	191st (2019 - 2020)	7/9/2020 7/9/2020 7/9/2020 1/5/2021	House House House House	Reported from the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government New draft of H4769 Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means No further action taken