



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 5256

LCO No. 1701



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR INITIATING LOCAL LEGISLATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 The General Assembly shall enact no special legislation relative to the
4 powers, organization and form of government of any town, city,
5 borough or other unit of local government unless requested by a town,
6 city, borough or other unit of local government, in the manner
7 hereinafter prescribed, to enact such special legislation. A resolution
8 requesting the General Assembly to enact special legislation and
9 specifying the purpose of such legislation shall be adopted: (1) By a two-
10 thirds vote of the council or board of directors in any town having such
11 a body; of the board of aldermen, council or body charged with the duty
12 of making annual appropriations in any city or consolidated town and
13 city; of the board of burgesses in any borough or consolidated town and
14 borough; or of the board of directors or district committee in any district;
15 or (2) by the board of selectmen or by a majority vote of the town

16 meeting or representative town meeting in any town not having a
17 council or board of directors. A request for the enactment of special
18 legislation by the General Assembly may also be initiated by a petition
19 specifying the purpose of such legislation and signed by not less than
20 ten per cent of the electors of the town, city, borough or other unit of
21 local government as determined by the last-completed registry list and
22 filed with the clerk of such town, city, borough or other unit of local
23 government. Upon the filing of such petition, such clerk shall proceed
24 forthwith to determine its sufficiency by comparing the names thereon
25 with those contained in such registry list and shall certify its sufficiency
26 or insufficiency. [Such clerk shall file with the Secretary of the State, not
27 later than ten days prior to the convening of any session of the General
28 Assembly in which such proposed legislation is to be introduced, a
29 certified copy of the resolution as adopted or the text of the petition as
30 signed.]

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 2-14 |

GOS *Joint Favorable*