



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 Section 2-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To remove the requirement that a copy of the resolution or petition of a town, city, borough or other local government to initiate local legislation in the General Assembly be filed with the Secretary of the State.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*