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No. 26-03

**Town of Scituate
RESOLUTION AND REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION REGARDING FLOOR
MOTIONS AT FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS**

The Town Council of the Town of Scituate (the "Town") hereby resolves as follows:

In order that the qualified electors of the Town of Scituate be adequately informed in advance of proposals to be made from the floor at its annual town meeting, and to enable the fiscal impact to be evaluated in advance of the meeting, the Town Council requests that the General Assembly amend the legislation (Section 4 of Chapter 1321 of the Public Laws Of, 1915, entitled "An Act Fixing The Time For The Election Of Officers In The Town Of Scituate" as previously amended by Chapter 3777 of the Public Laws of 1956, and by Chapters 225 and 312 of the Public Laws of 2022) providing for the annual financial town meeting of the Town of Scituate, to include the following language as underlined below, such amendment to be subject to voter approval at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026:

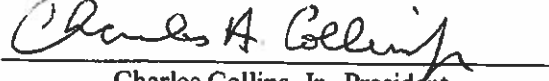
"Sec. 4. The town meeting for the ordering and disposing of taxes and consideration of all matters relating to the finances of said town, shall be held in the calendar year 2023 on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in April at 7:00 P.M., and in the calendar year 2024 and thereafter on the first Tuesday in the month of June at 7:00 P.M., at which meeting the town moderator shall preside. Said meeting shall be held in the Town of Scituate at such location as the Town Council shall determine by resolution from time to time, unless the alternative provisions of § 45-3-4, are invoked by the Town Council. Provided that the appropriations recommended by the Town Council have been made no later than the fourth Thursday in April immediately preceding the town meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in June, no motion which increases or reduces an appropriation recommended by the town council by \$10,000.00 or more, shall be in order at such meeting unless notice of intention to make such motion has been presented to the town treasurer with the signatures of not less than ten (10) qualified electors of the town no later than the May 15 immediately preceding said such meeting. Notice of such motion shall be included in the publication required under §44-35-6. Provided notice of such motion has been made, then amendments made at such town meeting to such motion for any lesser amount may be considered at the town meeting.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Scituate hereby directs should the General Assembly enact such legislation then the approval thereof shall be put before the qualified electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026:


The RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon the date hereof.

By Order of the Scituate Town Council


Charles Collins, Jr., President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal of the Town of Scituate this 9th day of April, 2026.


Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk



April 9, 2026

AN ACT

REGARDING MOTIONS AT THE TOWN OF SCITUATE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Scituate on April 9, 2026 adopted a resolution requesting that the general assembly enact the following provision relating to the annual financial town meeting:

Provided that the appropriations recommended by the Town Council have been made no later than the fourth Thursday in April immediately preceding the town meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in June, no motion which increases or reduces an appropriation recommended by the town council by \$10,000.00 or more, shall be in order at such meeting unless notice of intention to make such motion has been presented to the town treasurer with the signatures of not less than ten (10) qualified electors of the town no later than the May 15 immediately preceding said such meeting. Notice of such motion shall be included in the publication required under §44-35-6. Provided notice of such motion has been made, then amendments made at such town meeting to such motion for any lesser amount may be considered at the town meeting.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 1321 of the Public Laws Of, 1915, entitled "An Act Fixing The Time For The Election Of Officers In The Town Of Scituate" as previously amended by Chapter 3777 of the Public Laws of 1956, and by Chapters 225 and 312 of the Public Laws of 2022, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. The town meeting for the ordering and disposing of taxes and consideration of all matters relating to the finances of said town, shall be held in the calendar year 2023 on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in April at 7:00 P.M., and in the calendar year 2024 and thereafter on the first Tuesday in the month of June at 7:00 P.M., at which meeting the town moderator shall preside. Said meeting shall be held in the Town of Scituate at such location as the Town Council shall determine by resolution from time to time, unless the alternative provisions of § 45-3-4, are invoked by the Town Council. Provided that the appropriations recommended by the Town Council have been made no later than the fourth Thursday in April immediately preceding the town meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in June, no motion which increases or reduces an appropriation recommended by the town council by \$10,000.00 or more, shall be in order at such meeting unless notice of intention to make such motion has been presented to the

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EXPLANATION

OF

AN ACT

REGARDING FLOOR MOTIONS AT THE TOWN OF SCITUATE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

This act requires prior notice and posting of motions to be made from the floor at the annual financial town of Town of Scituate now held on the first Tuesday in the month of June. This requirement does not apply to special meetings held under §45-3-6 or §45-3-7.

This act would take effect upon the passage and its approval by the electors of the Town at the November 3, 2026 general election.

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