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MAY 13, 2020

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

ON MARCH 23, 2020 CHAPTER 45 OF THE ACTS OF 2020 WAS SIGNED INTO LAW. THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATION GRANTED AUTHORITY TO POSTPONE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND INCREASE VOTING OPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY TO RESPOND TO COVID-19.

ON MARCH 24, 2020 THE STONEHAM SELECT BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCHEDULE THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 TO TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020.

ON MAY 12, 2020 THE SELECT BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCHEDULE THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION FOR A SECOND TIME OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION.

THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020. THE POLLING HOURS WILL BE 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

ANY QUALIFIED VOTER WHO WOULD LIKE TO EARLY VOTE BY MAIL MAY FILE A REQUEST IN WRITING TO THE TOWN CLERK NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2020.

ALL BALLOTS THAT HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTERS THUS FAR WILL BE SECURELY HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK. THEY WILL REMAIN SEALED UNTIL THEY ARE COUNTED AT THE POLLING LOCATION ON JUNE 27, 2020.

ATTACHED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF CHAPTER 45 OF THE ACTS OF 2020, THE VOTE BY THE STONEHAM SELECT BOARD TAKEN ON MAY 12TH AND THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT.

Chapter 45
of the Acts of 2020

T H E C O M M O N W E A L T H O F M A S S A C H U S E T T S

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court

AN ACT GRANTING AUTHORITY TO POSTPONE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND INCREASE VOTING OPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY TO RESPOND TO COVID-19.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide for the rescheduling of elections as a result of the governor's declaration of emergency to respond to COVID-19 and to increase voting options, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 9 of chapter 39, sections 26 and 28 of chapter 51 and chapters 53 and 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special law or by-law to the contrary, a city or town with a municipal caucus or annual or special municipal election scheduled between the effective date of this act and May 30, 2020, may postpone such municipal caucus or municipal election in accordance with this act.

The select board, town council, board of registrars or city council of the city or town may vote on any day prior to the date of their scheduled municipal caucus or municipal election to postpone the municipal caucus or municipal election to a date certain on or before June 30, 2020. Such rescheduled caucus or election shall be held in accordance with all applicable election laws except as otherwise provided in this act.

(b) The select board, town council or city council of a city or town postponing a municipal caucus or municipal election pursuant to this act shall, following consultation with the local election official and the chief operating officer of the municipality as to logistics and feasibility, vote to reschedule the municipal caucus or municipal election. A copy of this act, the vote of the select board, town council or city council and a sample ballot shall be placed on the official municipal website not later than 20 days before the date to which the rescheduled caucus or election has been postponed. Notice of such action shall be provided to the public in other ways reasonably calculated to enable eligible voters to learn of the rescheduled election date and to cast ballots therein. The notice may include, but shall not be limited to, a "reverse-911" call, municipal list-serve notifications, advertisement on local cable television or issuance of a press release sent to local news media.

(c) Consistent with section 107 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, an incumbent elected official whose term would have expired at a municipal annual town election if the election was not postponed pursuant to this act shall continue to serve in the official's position until a successor is elected and qualified.

(d) If this act does not take effect until after the date of a scheduled municipal caucus or municipal election during the state of emergency declared by the governor pursuant to executive order 591, declaration of a state of emergency to respond to COVID-19, the actions of the board of selectmen, town council, city council and local election officials to postpone a municipal caucus or municipal election shall be ratified, validated and confirmed as if this act had been in place prior thereto.

SECTION 2. The last day to register to vote for any annual or special municipal or state election postponed pursuant to this act or otherwise postponed in response to COVID-19 shall be 10 days before the date to which the rescheduled election has been postponed; provided, however, that the board of registrars shall hold a registration session on that date not less than from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The voting list to be used at such rescheduled election shall include all eligible voters registered as of that date.

SECTION 3. The caucus or election materials, including, but not limited to, absentee and official ballots, prepared for a municipal caucus or any annual or special municipal or state election postponed pursuant to this act or otherwise postponed in response to COVID-19 and bearing that date shall be used for the rescheduled caucus or election to the extent practicable. If additional ballots are required to be printed, the ballots shall be identical in form to those prepared for the original caucus or election.

SECTION 4. Absentee ballots cast in connection with the original election date for any annual or special municipal or state election postponed pursuant to this act or otherwise postponed in response to COVID-19, whether returned before the original election or otherwise, and received by the local election official before the close of polls on the date of the rescheduled election, shall be processed in accordance with applicable law; provided, however, that any voter who chooses to vote in person on the date of the rescheduled election may do so if their absentee ballot has not yet been counted. Completed applications to vote by absentee ballot in the rescheduled election shall be accepted by the board of registrars until 12:00 noon on the last business day before the rescheduled election.

For an election held on or before June 30, 2020 any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or from guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official, or any civil authority shall be deemed to be unable by reason of physical disability to cast their vote in person at a polling location.

SECTION 5. (a) Notwithstanding section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, any eligible voter may vote early by mail for any annual or special municipal or state election held on or before June 30, 2020.

(b) Any qualified voter wanting to early vote by mail may file with their local election official an application for an early voting ballot. Any form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an early voting ballot be sent for use for voting at an election shall be given the same effect as an application made in the form prescribed by the state secretary. Local election officials shall send early voting by mail ballots to those who have applied as soon as ballots are available. No application shall be deemed to be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the local election official before noon on the last business day before the date on which the rescheduled election is held.

(c) Local election officials may substitute absentee ballots for early voting ballots for those voters requesting to vote early by mail in municipal elections. An early voting ballot or absentee ballot substituted for an early voting ballot, along with an envelope bearing an affidavit as set forth in section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, shall be provided to each qualified voter who participates in early voting by mail.

(d) The local election officials shall cause to be placed on the voting lists opposite the name of a qualified voter who participates in early voting the letters "EV" designating an early voter.

(e) The counting of early voting ballots shall be consistent with section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws and implemented regulations to the extent practicable. All envelopes referred to in this section shall be retained with the ballots cast at the election and shall be preserved and destroyed in the manner provided by law for the retention, preservation or destruction of official ballots.

(f) All early voting ballots voted by mail shall be received by the town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the polls on the date on which the rescheduled election is held. Early voting ballots cast under the authority of this section shall be processed at the polls in a manner consistent with that set forth in said section 25B of said chapter 54.


House of Representatives, March 23, 2020.

Preamble adopted,

 Speaker.

In Senate, March 23, 2020.

Preamble adopted,

 , President.

House of Representatives, March 23, 2020.

Bill passed to be enacted,

Paul J. Donato Speaker.

In Senate, March 23, 2020.

Bill passed to be enacted,

JS, President.

March 23, 2020.

Approved,
at 4 o'clock and 57 minutes, P. M.

Charles D. Baker

Governor.



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Vote of Stoneham Select Board

I, Dava Feltch Kilbride, Office Manager to the Select Board of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts, do hereby swear and certify that, at a meeting remotely held pursuant Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, a meeting at which all members of the Board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was unanimously passed:

Voted: Pursuant to Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, vote to change the date of the Town Election from June 2, 2020, to June 27, 2020, and will take place during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voting in Favor:

Chair Shelly MacNeill
Vice Chair Raymie Parker
Clerk George Seibold
Select Board Member Heidi Bilbo
Select Board Member Caroline Colarusso

I further certify that the vote was taken at a remote meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above vote) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with this matter were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dava Feltch Kilbride

Dated: May 12, 2020

2020 MAY 13 A 8:56
STONEHAM
TOWN CLERK
REGISTRARS



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STONEHAM
TOWN ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020**

Maria Sagarino
TOWN CLERK

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write that person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

SELECT BOARD

3 Year Term Vote for ONE

SHELLY A. MACNEILL Candidate for
1159 Franklin Street Re-election

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

3 Year Term Vote for ONE

WILLIAM J. JORDAN Candidate for
8 Martin Louis Way Re-election

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 Year Term Vote for TWO

DAVID C. MAURER Candidate for
19 Forest Street Re-election

NICOLE FENOCCHI NIAL Candidate for
62 Pine Street Re-election

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BOARD OF HEALTH

3 Year Term Vote for ONE

BRUCE PATRICK BROCKWAY
4 Janice Lane

CAROL D. O'LOUGHLIN
12 Mount Vernon Street

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LIBRARY TRUSTEE

3 Year Term Vote for TWO

ROCCO CICCARELLO Candidate for
4 Janice Lane Re-election

DOUGLAS F. GRAY
8 Rafferty Road

JESSICA E. KILLILEA
34 Lee Street

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PLANNING BOARD

5 Year Term Vote for ONE

TERRENCE P. DOLAN Candidate for
55 Penny Lane Re-election

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

5 Year Term Vote for ONE

KEVIN C. MCLAUGHLIN Candidate for
15 Congress Street Re-election

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