



# TOWN OF FREETOWN

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## MEETING NOTICE/LIST OF TOPICS

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Name of Board or Committee: Board of Registrars  
Date & Time of Meeting: March 13, 2018 4:00PM  
Place of Meeting: Town Clerk's Office, 3 North Main St, Assonet, MA

\* **a m e n d e d**

Clerk/Board Member posting notice & date

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(circle canceled or postponed)

*Agueline A Brown*  
Clerk/Board Member canceling/postponing meeting

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## LIST OF TOPICS

Final Voter Registration for the Annual Town Election (4/2/18)

Address any unanticipated matter that may come before the board

\* **NOTE: DUE TO THE EXPECTED INCLEMENT WEATHER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, WE HAVE RECEIVED A COURT ORDER ENLARGING THE DEADLINE FOR THE FINAL VOTER REGISTRATION DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TO 8PM ON MARCH 14TH.**

NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT  
NO. 18-cv-

18-0810C

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, as he is  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

Plaintiff,

v.

Towns of ACUSHNET, ATHOL, BARRE,  
BELLINGHAM, BLACKSTONE,  
FAIRHAVEN, FREETOWN, LAKEVILLE,  
MAYNARD, MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA,  
MILLVILLE, NORFOLK, NORWOOD,  
PLAINVILLE, PROVINCETOWN, REHOBOTH,  
SEEKONK, SHIRLEY, SHREWSBURY,  
SOUTHAMPTON, TOPSFIELD, WARREN,  
WEST BROOKFIELD, WESTFORD,  
WRENTHAM, and others,

Defendants.

*Advised that all Representatives  
of all 351 cities and towns in  
the Commonwealth have been  
apprised of this motion and  
its requested relief, and there  
has been no objection  
from any city or  
town,*

~~proposed~~ ORDER

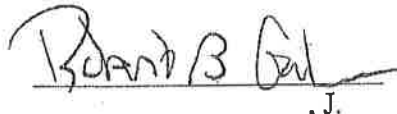
The Court, after hearing and based on the Secretary's Verified Complaint and the representations of the parties, finds that (1) an actual controversy has arisen between the parties regarding the defendant Towns' election officials' authority and duty with respect to local election-related deadlines; and (2) injunctive relief is necessary in order to prevent irreparable harm, including infringement on the voting rights of voters in the defendant Towns, disruption of local governmental processes, and waste of municipal resources. The Court ~~therefore~~ directs that ~~judgment~~ be entered as follows:

*Order of Preliminary Injunction ✓*

1. It is hereby declared that an actual controversy has arisen among the parties regarding the anticipated impossibility of compliance with state laws that impose local election deadlines and that such controversy requires immediate <sup>Preliminary Injunctive</sup> resolution to protect the rights of voters in the affected towns. *See Libertarian Ass'n of Mass. v. Sec'y of the Commonwealth*, 462 Mass. 538, 560-561 (2012) (considering burden of election-related laws on political candidates and, consequently, on voters).
2. It is hereby ordered that:
  - a. In the Towns of Acushnet, Athol, Barre, Blackstone, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Millville, Norwood, Plainville, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Wrentham, and Provincetown, any other town in the Commonwealth with a deadline to register to vote of 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, that deadline is hereby <sup>enlarged</sup> postponed to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.
  - b. In the Towns of Bellingham, Maynard, Norfolk, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Warren, and West Brookfield, any other town in the Commonwealth with a deadline for submission of nomination papers of 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, that deadline is hereby <sup>enlarged</sup> postponed to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.
  - c. In the Town of Topsfield any other town in the Commonwealth with a deadline for candidates to obtain nomination papers of 5:00 pm on

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, that deadline is hereby <sup>enlarged</sup> postponed to 5:00 pm on  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

- d. The plaintiff, Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall publicize this Order  
forthwith to all local election officials in the Commonwealth through the  
broadcast email list maintained by the Secretary for such purposes.

  
J.

Associate Justice  
Superior Court

Date: March 12, 2018

3 For good cause shown, and in accordance with  
Mass. R. Civ. P. 65.1, no security shall be required in connection  
with the issuance of this Order.