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**Act No. 77 (S.172). Elections; local elections; annual municipal meetings; alternative procedures; COVID-19**

**An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2022 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19**

This act provides temporary authority for municipalities to apply, by vote of the municipal legislative body, the Australian ballot system to an annual municipal meeting held in the year 2022. This act also provides temporary authority for municipalities to hold the informational meetings that precede the annual municipal meeting through electronic means, provided that the municipalities comply with certain requirements for accessibility, notice, and recording of the meetings. Finally, this act provides temporary authority for municipalities to move the date of the annual meeting and for the Town of Brattleboro to hold its representative annual Town meeting through electronic means.

Effective Date: January 14, 2022