

ARTICLE 22:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee as follows; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition,

Amend Chapter 5-1-1 of the Town Charter as follows: The regular election for all town offices shall be by official ballot held on the ~~second~~ **third** Saturday of May of each year.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (12-1-0)

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 22. Approval of this article will move the Spring Town election from the second Saturday to the third Saturday of May. This avoids holding elections during Mother's Day weekend and may result in increased voter turnout.

Plymouth Charter Review Committee 2015

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To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5-1-1 of the Town Charter as follows: The regular election for all town offices shall be by official ballot held on the

~~second~~ *third* Saturday of May of each year.

Approval of this article will simply move the annual town election from the second to the third Saturday in May.

The intent of the article is to increase voter turnout by not conflicting with Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

This change will continue to keep the election after Spring Town Meeting, but well before the start of the July 1 fiscal year.

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