

Council Order: 2023-022

**Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
April 3, 2023**

Adoption of MGL C. 41, §110A, To Move
“Last Day Local Election Deadlines” to the Friday Prior to the Election

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 41, §110A which states as follows:

Chapter 41

Section 110A: Office hours on Saturday

Any public office in any city or town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time, in a city by the city council, subject to the provisions of the city charter, or, in a town, by vote of the town at a special or regular town meeting, and the provisions of section nine of chapter four shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.

Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022, commonly referred to as the Massachusetts VOTES Act, reduced the voter registration deadline prior to an election from twenty days to ten days prior to the election. Elections are always scheduled on a Tuesday. Ten days prior to the election would therefore be a Saturday, which is a day that Town offices are not usually open. By accepting the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, § 110A, the Town would determine that the Town Clerk's offices may remain closed as if it were a legal holiday on the Saturday ten days prior to an election, and the deadlines may be adjusted accordingly.