

Order 2023-025

**Introduced By: Councilor Katrina Huff-Larmond
and Councilor Jesse Gordon
May 22, 2023**

**Authorization By The Randolph Town Council
To Petition The General Court To Enact Special Legislation Regarding
The Preparation of Certain Bilingual Ballots
In The City Known As The Town Of Randolph**

The Randolph Town Council hereby authorizes a petition to the General Court to enact special legislation regarding the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole in the city known as the Town of Randolph, said special legislation to be in a form that is substantially as presented below, and authorizes the Town Manager to take any action necessary in connection with the submission of said petition, and further authorizes the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form to the proposed special legislation:

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATION OF BILINGUAL BALLOTS
IN ENGLISH AND HAITIAN CREOLE IN THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF
RANDOLPH.**

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. As used in this act, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

“Board”, the board of registrars of the town.

“Town”, the city known as the town of Randolph.

“Election”, the choice by the voters of any public officer and the taking of a vote upon any question by law submitted to the voters.

“State election”, an election at which a national, state or county officer or a regional district school committee member elected districtwide is to be chosen by the voters, whether for a full term or for the filling of a vacancy.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 40 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, in state elections ballots shall be provided to voters in the town in English and Haitian Creole, in addition to being provided in any other languages required by law. The state secretary shall prepare such ballots in English and Haitian Creole and in any other languages required by law.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law or the charter of the town to the contrary, in all town preliminary and final elections ballots shall be provided to voters in the town in English and Haitian Creole, in addition to being provided in any other languages required by law. The board shall prepare such ballots in English and Haitian Creole and in any other languages required by law.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state secretary shall be responsible for all costs resulting from the implementation of this act in state elections held in the town, including, without limitation, the production of ballots.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved _____.