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Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives:

The Randolph Town Council has approved a Home Rule Petition. Enclosed please find a certified copy of the Town Council Order containing the approval. The Order was approved by the Randolph Town Council on June 5, 2023.

On behalf of the Town of Randolph, I respectfully request that you and the members of Randolph's Legislative Delegation, file this Home Rule Legislation for consideration before the Legislature.

Thank you for your continued assistance to the Town of Randolph. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is additional information that you require.

Sincerely,

Natalie Oliveras  
Clerk, Randolph Town Council

Enclosure

Order 2023-025

Introduced By: Councillor Katrina Huff-Larmond  
and Councillor 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.

5/22/2023: Council Order 2023-025 was introduced by Councillor Gordon and Councillor Huff-Larmond.

6/5/2023: The Council President opened the Public Hearing on this Order. The Council Clerk read the public notice that was published in the Patriot Ledger on Saturday, May 27, 2023. The Council President opened the Public Comments portion of the hearing. The Public Comments portion of the hearing was closed. The Public Hearing was closed.

6/5/2023: Motion to approve Council Order 2023-025 as presented made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 (Absent: Burgess and Egan; Abstention: Clerger)

Motion Passes.

Yays: C. Alexopoulos, W. Alexopoulos, Brewer, Gordon, Huff-Larmond, O'Connell

Abstention: Clerger

Date of Vote: 6/5/2023



Kristin McDonald  
Acting Town Clerk & Registrar

