(Below are proposed amendments the MA State Senate is being asked to consider in addition to House Bill H4737., The House adopted Amendments 18 and 19, and 2755.)

Provided by Wayland Town Clerk, June 11, 2020

## Proposed Amendment to S2755 Streamlining mail in ballot application process

- The secretary shall place a bar code on each mail-in ballot application, specific to the voter, which can be used by the city or town clerk to scan such application into the voter registration system for processing. The application shall also contain clear instructions and link for how voters can track their mail in application,
- The secretary will make software changes to the voter registration system to streamline the process for entering mail in ballot requests which shall include one step scanning process of applications using bar codes required on applications mailed by the secretary in addition to other reporting and processing enhancements that may assist city and town clerks with more efficiently processing mail in applications, by July 15, 2020.
- The secretary will implement a voter tracking system for early voted applications, similar to what the secretary does for absentee ballot tracking for state elections, that will provide voters with real time tracking of the status of their application, including date application processed, date ballot mailed by local official, date ballot received back by the local official and provide the link to this tracking system on each application mailed by the secretary.