

ARTICLE 36. Local Ballot Option

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Why Vote for this?

- Legal language on ballot question can be confusing.
- Add explanations on Ballot to Show Pros /Cons.
- Voters receive summary explanation in the mail.
- Accept MGL c. 53, § 18B. No other action needed.

What is Included

- Full text of each question
- Fair and concise summary of each question
- Pro and Con Arguments
- Mailed to every voting household
- One sentence explaining the impact of a yes vote and no vote printed on the ballot

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Timetable

Ballot Question Vote	Select Board votes that question shall appear on ballot.
35 days before election	Select Board notifies Town Clerk.
28-34 days before election	Proponents/opponents asked to submit written arguments.
At least 20 days before election	Summary arguments sent to Select Board for mailing to voters.
At least 7 days before election	Ballot question & summary arguments mailed to households.

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