

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2732**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Richard Bastien</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2732) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
 HOUSE  
 , NO. 586 OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after ‘electors’, in line 15, the following  
3 sentence:— “One Presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two  
4 Presidential electors shall be chosen at large.”.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
6 striking out section 148 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

7 “Section 148. The persons chosen as Presidential electors shall meet at the state house on  
8 the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o’clock in the afternoon and  
9 organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the  
10 meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen.  
11 The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the  
12 office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large Presidential  
13 elector shall cast his ballot for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates whose electors  
14 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district Presidential elector  
15 shall cast his ballot for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates whose electors received  
16 the highest number of votes in his congressional district.”.