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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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:

Resolve relative to Southern Middlesex County.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1477) of Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation to make an investigation and study to identify and evaluate potential sites suitable for the location of a replacement jail facility in Southern Middlesex County. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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Resolve relative to Southern Middlesex County.

Resolved, That a special commission is hereby established to make an investigation and study relative to identify and evaluate potential sites suitable for the location of a replacement jail facility in Southern Middlesex County, consistent with chapter 304 of the acts of 2008. The commission shall evaluate whether such sites are appropriate to adjoin facilities to house related criminal justice functions, including courts, pre-arraignment lockup facilities and special population facilities.

The special commission shall also identify and evaluate potential sites in Southern Middlesex County suitable for the placement of a correctional facility to house female pretrial detainees and female offenders sentenced to incarceration in the house of correction for 2½ years or less. The commission shall document the needs of the communities in the vicinity of such sites and of the individuals in those communities, and make recommendations relative to the most efficient and effective investment of public resources to meet all of those needs.

The commission shall include the following officers or their designees: the secretary of public safety and security, who shall chair the commission; the secretary of administration and finance; the Middlesex sheriff; the administrative office of the trial court; the Middlesex superior court clerk; the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance; the Middlesex district attorney; chief counsel of the committee for public counsel services; 1 member of the senate appointed by the president; and 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker. Members not otherwise subject to chapter 268A of the General Laws by virtue of their public positions shall not be considered to be special state employees for purposes of said chapter 268A on account of their service on the commission.

The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than August 1, 2014.