

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 570**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 570) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 596 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after "electors," in line 15, the following  
3 sentence:-

4 One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two  
5 presidential electors shall be chosen at-large.

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

8 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on  
9 the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and  
10 organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the

11 meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen.  
12 The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the  
13 office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential  
14 elector shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors  
15 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector  
16 shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received  
17 the highest number of votes in his congressional district.