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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Robert M. Koczera**

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*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 bill:

An Act Relative to Filling a Temporary Vacancy in the United State Senate.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to Filling a Temporary Vacancy in the United State Senate.

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

SECTION 1

Section 140 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (e), the following new subsection:

(f) The Governor shall appoint an interim Senator to a senate vacancy after the deadline for qualifying as a candidate in the special senate election has passed, provided the appointee is not a candidate in said special senate election. The appointed senator shall serve until a successor is duly elected.