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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**William Lantigua**

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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 the date for holding state primaries.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| William Lantigua | 16th Essex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the date for holding state primaries.

*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 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:–

State primaries shall be held on the first Tuesday in May and on the fourth Tuesday preceding special state elections, except that primaries before special congressional elections shall be held on the fifth Tuesday preceding said elections.