

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost (BY REQUEST)

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 establishing a special commission relative to the elimination of the property tax and increasing of the sales tax in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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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 ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND INCREASING OF THE SALES TAX IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. A special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the fiscal impact
2 of eliminating property tax and increasing the sales tax in the commonwealth. The investigation and
3 study shall include, but not be limited to, examining the impact of property tax elimination on a city by
4 city or town by town basis. The investigation and study shall also focus on how an increased sales tax in
5 the commonwealth could proportionately balance this loss of revenue. The commission is directed to
6 study the effects of this property tax elimination and increased sales tax.

7 The commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of 10 members as follows: the
8 house and senate chairmen of the joint committee on revenue who shall serve as co-chairs of the
9 commission, the house and senate chairmen of the committees on ways and means, or their designees,
10 the speaker of the house of representatives, or his designee, the president of the senate, or his
11 designee, the state auditor, or his designee, the commissioner of the department of revenue, or his
12 designee, a representative of the executive office of administration and finance and a representative of
13 the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. The commission shall report to the general court the results
14 of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by
15 filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2010.