

HOUSE No.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 659 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “electors”, in line 15, the following sentence:-
3 “One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two presidential
4 electors shall be chosen at large.”

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

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9 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on the date
10 fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and organize
11 by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the meeting to
12 order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen. The secretary

13 of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the office of the
14 state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential elector shall cast
15 his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest
16 number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector shall cast his ballot
17 for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest number
18 of votes in his congressional district.

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