

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 to modify agricultural lands preservation committee representation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Stephen Kulik

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT TO MODIFY AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION.

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

1 MGL Chapter 20 Section 24 (a) is amended by striking the entire section and inserting in lieu
2 thereof the following new section:

3 Section 24. (a) There shall be an agricultural lands preservation committee in the department of
4 agricultural resources, the members of which shall be the commissioner of agricultural resources, who
5 shall be chairman, the secretary of environmental affairs, the director of housing and community
6 development, the director of the office of state planning, the chairman of the board of agricultural
7 resources or their respective designees, and 6 members appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall be
8 owners and operators of farms within the commonwealth, one of whom shall represent a land trust and
9 one of whom shall be a municipal official. Members appointed by the governor shall receive \$50 for
10 each day or portion thereof spent in discharge of their official duties not to exceed \$600 annually and
11 shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses incurred. The dean of the college of food and natural
12 resources of the University of Massachusetts and the state conservationist of the United States
13 Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, or their respective designees, shall serve as
14 nonvoting members.