

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 reprecincting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Angelo M. Scaccia

14th Suffolk

William F. Galvin

Secretary of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REPRECINCTING.

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 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line one, the words “nineteen hundred and ninety-two” and inserting
3 in place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.

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5 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
6 hereby amended by striking out, in line eight, the words “Not later than July first in such year” and
7 inserting in place thereof the words:- Within seven days of the last day the city council may vote,.

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9 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
10 hereby amended by striking out, in line 27, the words “September first immediately following” and
11 inserting in place thereof the words:- thirty five days after the final day to give written notice to the state
12 secretary.

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14 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
15 hereby amended by striking out, in line 28, the word “fifteen” and inserting in place thereof the word:-
16 seven.

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18 SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
19 hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, the word “twenty” and inserting in place thereof the word:-
20 seven.

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22 SECTION 6. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
23 hereby amended by striking out, in line 34, the words “October fifteenth immediately following” and
24 inserting in place thereof the words:- fourteen days after the last day to receive notice from the local
25 election district review commission.

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27 SECTION 7. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
28 hereby amended by striking out, in line 39, the words “October fifteenth” and inserting in place thereof
29 the words:- the forty-ninth day following the final day to give notice to the state secretary.

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31 SECTION 8. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
32 hereby amended by striking out, in line 40, the word “thirty” and inserting in place thereof the words:-
33 fifteen.

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35 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
36 hereby amended by inserting, after line 44, the following new paragraph:- Should the state secretary
37 determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
38 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process shall begin. Such date shall replace
39 “June fifteenth” in line 23 of this section.

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41 SECTION 10. Section 2 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
42 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “next following” and inserting in place thereof:-
43 following the making thereof.

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45 SECTION 11. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
46 hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “nineteen hundred and ninety-two” and inserting in
47 place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.

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49 SECTION 12. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
50 hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the words “July first of the year in which such division is
51 authorized or required to be made” and inserting in place thereof the words:- seven days after the date on
52 which the board of selectmen is authorized or required to divide the town into precincts.

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54 SECTION 13. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
55 hereby amended by striking out, in line 60, the words “September first of said year” and inserting in place
56 thereof the words:- thirty five days following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a
57 copy of the division.

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59 SECTION 14. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
60 hereby amended by striking out, in line 63, the words “September twentieth of said year” and inserting in
61 place thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state
62 secretary a copy of such division.

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64 SECTION 15. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
65 hereby amended by striking out, in line 69, the words “October fifteenth” and inserting in place thereof
66 the words:- sixty-four days following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a copy of
67 such division.

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69 SECTION 16. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
70 hereby amended by striking out, in line 74, the words “September twentieth” and inserting in place
71 thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state
72 secretary a copy of such division.

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74 SECTION 17. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
75 hereby amended by striking out, in line 75, the word “thirty” and inserting in place thereof the word:-
76 fifteen.

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78 SECTION 18. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
79 hereby amended by inserting, after line 79, the following new paragraph:- Should the state secretary
80 determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
81 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process shall begin. Such date shall replace
82 “June fifteenth” in line 23 of this section.

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84 SECTION 19. Section 9 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
85 hereby amended by inserting, in line 1, after the word “thousand” the words:- two hundred

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