

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian A. Joyce

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 creating a special commission to study summary process proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Brian A. Joyce

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

Robert F. Fennell

10th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY SUMMARY PROCESS PROCEEDINGS.

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. There shall be hereby established a Special Commission to investigate, study and
2 evaluate, but not limited to, all the legal requirements for property owners, corporate property
3 owners and their respective employees to appear on behalf of, and represent themselves, and
4 their respective organizations in summary process proceedings. The Special Commission shall
5 be convened by the Attorney General, and shall consist of the following appointed individuals.
6 The Governor shall appoint 2 individuals from the Executive, familiar with legal issues as they
7 relate to summary process proceedings, 2 members of the House of Representatives as appointed
8 by the Speaker, 2 members of the Senate as appointed by the Senate President, and
9 representatives of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, Real Estate Bar Association, the
10 Citizen's Housing and Planning Association and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing
11 Alliance. The Commission shall meet for a period of 180 days and recommend legislative or
12 other options that it believes will be feasible to address this issue. This Act shall take effect
13 immediately upon its passage.

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