

HOUSE No. 3783

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish a commission to study election integrity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3783) of Shawn Dooley and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to election integrity. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to establish a commission to study election integrity.

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

1 (a) There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws to study and evaluate the election and voting procedures of the commonwealth
3 to ensure transparency and election integrity.

4 (b) The commission shall consist of 7 members: 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
5 speaker of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of
6 the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 of whom
7 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the state
8 secretary; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts City Clerks Association, Inc.; and
9 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, Inc.. The
10 commission shall elect from its members a chair and any other officers it considers necessary.

11 (c) The commission shall analyze the voting laws, procedures, practices and equipment
12 utilized in elections in the commonwealth. The commission shall investigate the manner by

13 which votes are cast throughout the commonwealth, including, but not limited to: (i) the
14 technology and software used in tabulating vote counts; (ii) technology and procedures used in
15 determining voter eligibility; (iii) any irregularities reported in early, mail in absentee or day of
16 voting; (iv) or any other aspect of election and voting procedures that the commission determines
17 to be paramount to ensure election integrity. The commission may seek information from other
18 state election officials and review their best practices and procedures.

19 (d) The commission shall hold a minimum of 4 listening sessions in geographically
20 diverse locations throughout the commonwealth and provide for at least 1 online listening
21 session. The state secretary shall create an online portal allowing citizens of the commonwealth
22 to submit comments and testimony for the commission's consideration. All correspondence shall
23 be submitted to all members of the commission prior to the start of discussion and deliberation.

24 (e) No later than February 1, 2023, the commission shall file its report, together with their
25 findings and recommendations on best practices with clerks of the house of representatives and
26 the senate and the joint committee on election laws.