

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 03798

An interim report of the joint special committee established (under Senate order No. 9 of 2011) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts, forty Senatorial districts, eight Councillor districts and one hundred and sixty Representative districts (House, No. 3798).

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide for a new division of the commonwealth into congressional districts, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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*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. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as
- 2 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:
- 3 Section 1. For the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
- 4 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties, until otherwise

5 provided by law, the commonwealth is divided into the following 9 districts, each of which shall  
6 elect 1 representative:

7 First Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in Berkshire county; the towns  
8 of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Leyden,  
9 Monroe, Rowe and Shelburne, all in the county of Franklin; the cities of Chicopee, Holyoke,  
10 Springfield and Westfield, and the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester, East  
11 Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Montgomery,  
12 precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the town of Palmer, the towns of Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Wales  
13 and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; the city of Easthampton and the towns of  
14 Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, South Hadley,  
15 Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington, all in the county of Hampshire; the  
16 towns of Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, East Brookfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Warren,  
17 all in the county of Worcester.

18 Second Congressional District - Consisting of the towns of Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield,  
19 Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick,  
20 Wendell and Whately, all in the county of Franklin; precinct 1A of the town of Palmer, in the  
21 county of Hampden; the city of Northampton and the towns of Amherst, Belchertown, Hadley,  
22 Hatfield, Pelham and Ware, all in the county of Hampshire; precinct 5 of the town of  
23 Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk; the cities of Leominster and Worcester and the towns of  
24 Athol, Auburn, Barre, Blackstone, Boylston, Douglas, Grafton, Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston,  
25 Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough,  
26 Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Rutland,  
27 Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Templeton, Upton, Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston,

28 West Brookfield, Westborough, and precinct 1 of the town of Winchendon, all in the county of  
29 Worcester.

30 Third Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and Methuen, and  
31 precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the town of Andover, all in the county of Essex; the cities of  
32 Lowell and Marlborough and the towns of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough, Carlisle,  
33 Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard, Pepperell,  
34 Shirley, Stow, precinct 1 of the town of Sudbury, and the towns of Townsend, Tyngsborough  
35 and Westford, all in the county of Middlesex; the cities of Fitchburg and Gardner and the towns  
36 of Ashburnham, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Westminster and ,  
37 precincts 2 and 3 of the town of Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester.

38 Fourth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Attleboro, precinct C of ward 4,  
39 precinct C of ward 5, and wards 7, 8, and 9, of the city of Fall River, and the city of Taunton,  
40 and the towns of Berkley, Dighton, Freetown, Mansfield, North Attleborough, Norton, precincts  
41 3 and 4 of the town of Raynham, and the towns of Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset and Swansea,  
42 all in the county of Bristol; the city of Newton and the town of Hopkinton, both in the county of  
43 Middlesex; precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the town of Bellingham, and the towns of Brookline,  
44 Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Plainville, Sharon,  
45 Walpole, Wellesley and Wrentham, all in the county of Norfolk; the town of Lakeville in the  
46 county of Plymouth; the towns of Hopedale and Milford, all in the county of Worcester.

47 Fifth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities Malden, Medford, Melrose, precincts 2 and  
48 3 of ward 4, wards 6, 7, 8, and 9, and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 10 of the city of Cambridge, and  
49 the cities of Waltham, and Woburn, and the towns of Arlington, Ashland, Belmont, Framingham,

50 Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Natick, Sherborn, Stoneham, and precincts 2, 3, 4, and 5 of  
51 Sudbury, Watertown, Wayland, Weston, and Winchester, all in the county of Middlesex; the city  
52 of Revere and the town of Winthrop, both in the county of Suffolk; and the town of  
53 Southborough in the county of Worcester.

54 Sixth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn,  
55 Newburyport, Peabody, and Salem, and precincts 1 and 8 of the town of Andover, and the towns  
56 of Amesbury, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynnfield,  
57 Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, North Andover,  
58 Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, and West Newbury, all  
59 in the county of Essex; and, and the towns of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading,  
60 Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield, and Wilmington all in the county of Middlesex.

61 Seventh Congressional District - Consisting of wards 1, 2, 3, precinct 1 of ward 4, ward 5,  
62 precinct 3 of ward 10, and ward 11 of the city of Cambridge, and the cities of Everett and  
63 Somerville, all in the county of Middlesex; wards 1 and 2, precincts 7 and 8 of ward 3, ward 4,  
64 precincts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of ward 5, precinct 10 of ward 7, wards 8, 9 and 10, precincts 1,  
65 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of ward 11, ward 12, precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of ward 13, wards 14 and  
66 15, precincts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11 of ward 16, wards 17 and 18, precincts 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of  
67 ward 19, precinct 3 of ward 20, and wards 21 and 22 of the city of Boston and the city of  
68 Chelsea, both in the county of Suffolk; and precincts 1, 5, and 10 in the town of Milton and the  
69 town of Randolph, both in the county of Norfolk.

70 Eighth Congressional District - Consisting of the town of Easton and precincts 1 and 2 of the  
71 town of Raynham, all in the county of Bristol; the towns of, Avon, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset,

72 Dedham, Holbrook, precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the town of Milton, the towns of Norwood,  
73 Stoughton, Westwood, and Weymouth, and the city of Quincy, all in the county of Norfolk; the  
74 towns of Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West Bridgewater,  
75 and Whitman and the city of Brockton, all in the county of Plymouth; and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
76 and 6 of ward 3, precincts 3, 4, 5 and 11 of ward 5, ward 6, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9  
77 of ward 7, precincts 9 and 10 of ward 11, precincts 3, 7 and 10 of ward 13, precincts 2, 5, 7, 9, 10  
78 and 12 of ward 16, and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 of ward 19, and precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7,  
79 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of ward 20 of the city of Boston, in the county  
80 of Suffolk.

81 Ninth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in the counties of Barnstable,  
82 Dukes County, and Nantucket; the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Westport,  
83 wards 1, 2, 3, precincts A and B of ward 4, precincts A and B of ward 5, and ward 6 of the City  
84 of Fall River, and the city of New Bedford, all in the county of Bristol; and the towns of Carver,  
85 Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett,  
86 Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, and Wareham,  
87 all in the county of Plymouth.

88 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
89 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
90 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
91 state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen and town clerk department of the town of  
92 Andover to include census blocks 250092543012024, 250092543022012, 250092543022013,  
93 250092543022014, 250092543022015, 250092543022016, 250092543022017,  
94 250092543022022, 250092543022023, 250092543022024, 250092543022025,

95 250092543022026, 250092543022027, 250092543022028, 250092543022029,  
96 250092543022030, 250092543022031, 250092543022032, 250092543022033,  
97 250092543022034, 250092543022035, 250092543023013, 250092543023014 and  
98 250092543023015, all in precinct 8 of the town of Andover, and to include census block  
99 250092543011034 in precinct 1 of the town of Andover.

100 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
101 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
102 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
103 state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of Bellingham to include census  
104 blocks 250214431022004, 250214431022005 and 250214431024041, all in precinct 5, of the  
105 town of Bellingham.

106 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
107 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
108 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
109 state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Cambridge to include census  
110 blocks 250173530002001, 250173528002005, 250173528002004, 250173528002002,  
111 250173528001002, 250173527002007, 250173527002006, 250173527002005,  
112 250173527002004, and 250173527002003, all in precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge.

113 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
114 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
115 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
116 state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Fall River to include census

117 blocks 250056412002006, 250056412002007, 250056412002010, 250056412002011,  
118 250056412002051, 250056413002015, 250056413004003, 250056413004004, and  
119 250056413004005 all in precinct C of ward 5, and census block 250056417002021 in precinct C  
120 of ward 8, all in the city of Fall River.

121 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
122 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
123 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
124 state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of Palmer to include  
125 census blocks 250138101001018, 250138101001019, 250138102001001, 250138102003000,  
126 250138102003001, 250138102003002, 250138102003003, 250138102003012,  
127 250138102003013, 250138102003020, 250138102003021, 250138102003022,  
128 250138102003023 and 250138102003024, all in new precinct 1A, of the town of Palmer.

129 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
130 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
131 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
132 state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen of the town of Raynham to include census  
133 block 250056122003032 in precinct 1 of the town of Raynham, and to include census blocks  
134 250056121001032, 250056121002031, 250056122001024, 250056122002011 and  
135 250056122002013 in precinct 4 of the town of Raynham, and to include census block  
136 250056121001028 in precinct 2 of the town of Raynham.

137 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
138 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and

139 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
140 state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of Sudbury to  
141 include census blocks 250173651002006, 250173651002007, 250173651002010,  
142 250173651003005, 250173651003007, 250173651003009, 250173651003011,  
143 250173651003012, 250173651003013, 250173651003014, 250173651003015 and  
144 250173651003016 in precinct 5 of the town of Sudbury.

145 SECTION 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for  
146 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and  
147 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the  
148 state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of Winchendon to include census  
149 blocks 250277011001021, 250277011001022, 250277011001023, 250277011002014,  
150 250277011003008, 250277011003019, 250277011003020, 250277011003021,  
151 250277011005000, 250277011005001, 250277011005005, 250277011006000,  
152 250277011006001, 250277011006002, 250277011006004, 250277011006006,  
153 250277011006007, 250277011006008, 250277011006009, 250277011006010,  
154 250277011006011, 250277011006012, 250277011006013, 250277011006014,  
155 250277011006017, 250277011006018, 250277011006019, 250277011006020,  
156 250277011006021, 250277011006022, 250277011006023, 250277011006024,  
157 250277011006025, 250277011006026, 250277011006027, 250277011006028, and  
158 250277022001000, all in precinct 3, of the town of Winchendon.

159 SECTION 10. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of a civil action relative to the  
160 establishment of congressional districts under section 1. A complaint in the action shall be filed  
161 in the court within 10 days after the effective date of this act.