

HOUSE No. 4257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**INTERIM REPORT
OF THE
JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED 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.
(Under House order No. 66 of 2021)**

November 16, 2021.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

Senator William N. Brownsberger
Senate Chair
Second Suffolk and Middlesex

Representative Michael J. Moran
House Chair
Eighteenth Suffolk

November 15, 2021

Fellow Legislators,

As House Chair of the joint special committee established by the joint order, House of Representatives order No. 66 adopted on February 18, 2021 and concurred with by the Senate on February 18, 2021, to study the division of this Commonwealth into one hundred and sixty representative districts, forty senatorial districts, eight councillor districts, and nine congressional districts based on the results of the 2020 federal decennial census, I hereby file this interim report, voted upon in the affirmative during by an electronic poll of the full committee on November 15, 2021, containing our proposals and legislation necessary for the proper redistricting of Councillor districts as required by Articles CI and CIX of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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House Chair Special Joint Committee on Redistricting

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

An Act establishing councillor districts.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith councillor districts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 2, as
2 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 2. For the purpose of choosing councillors until the next apportionment, the
4 commonwealth shall be divided, conformably with the constitution, into the following 8
5 councillor districts:

6 First - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Cape and Islands; First Bristol and
7 Plymouth; Second Bristol and Plymouth; Third Bristol and Plymouth; and Plymouth and
8 Barnstable.

9 Second - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Bristol and Norfolk; Middlesex
10 and Norfolk; Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol; Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex; and Second
11 Plymouth and Norfolk.

12 Third - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Third Middlesex; Fourth
13 Middlesex; Middlesex and Worcester; Norfolk and Middlesex; and Suffolk and Middlesex.

14 Fourth - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Norfolk and Plymouth; Norfolk
15 and Suffolk; First Plymouth and Norfolk; First Suffolk; and Second Suffolk.

16 Fifth - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: First Essex; Second Essex; First
17 Essex and Middlesex; Second Essex and Middlesex; and First Middlesex.

18 Sixth - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Third Essex; Second Middlesex;
19 Fifth Middlesex; Middlesex and Suffolk; and Third Suffolk.

20 Seventh - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: First Worcester; Second
21 Worcester; Worcester and Hampden; Worcester and Hampshire; and Worcester and Middlesex.

22 Eighth - Consisting of the following senatorial districts: Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin
23 and Hampshire; Hampden; Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester; Hampden and Hampshire; and
24 Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester.

25 SECTION 2. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of any civil action
26 relative to the establishment of councillor districts under section 1. The complaint in any such
27 action shall be filed in that court within 10 days after the effective date of this act.