

HOUSE No. 4944

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett, III

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 providing for the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>

<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and others relative to the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing for the expungement of racially restrictive covenants in recorded real property documents.

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 23B of chapter 184 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Upon petition to the land court department of the trial court, a person holding an interest
4 in real property or a party in interest affected by a void provision in this section, may request the
5 land court to expunge a provision made void by this section. The land court may order the
6 removal of such language by order, to either the recorder of the land court department or an
7 assistant recorder of the land court, to strike the void provision from the appropriate record or
8 instrument.