

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 586

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

*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 relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 659 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VOTING PROCEDURES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

*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. Section 8 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “electors”, in line 15, the following sentence:-  
3 “One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two presidential  
4 electors shall be chosen at large.”

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6 SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
7 out section 148 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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9 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on the date  
10 fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and organize  
11 by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the meeting to  
12 order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen. The secretary  
13 of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the office of the

14 state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential elector shall cast  
15 his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest  
16 number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector shall cast his ballot  
17 for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest number  
18 of votes in his congressional district.

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