

HOUSE No. 655

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert M. Koczera

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 allowing for congressional district apportionment of presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert M. Koczera

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3777 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ALLOWING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT APPORTIONMENT OF 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 1998 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word “electors”, in line 15, the following words:- One presidential elector
3 shall be chosen from each congressional district and two presidential electors shall be chosen at large. Each
4 presidential elector chosen from a congressional district shall reside in the congressional district for which the
5 presidential elector is chosen.

6 SECTION 2. Section 78A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby
7 amended by inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 8, the following words:-and a resident of the
8 congressional district in which he or she elected as applicable.

9 SECTION 3. Section 151 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby
10 amended by striking out all after “elected” in line 2 and by striking out lines 3 through 6 and inserting in its place the
11 following:- a presidential elector shall be chosen equal to one elector and each congressional district in the
12 commonwealth and two electors at large. The presidential electors of each congressional district shall cast their
13 ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in each
14 respective congressional district. The presidential electors at large shall cast their ballots for the presidential and
15 vice presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in the commonwealth. Presidential electors
16 shall be chosen by the voters of the commonwealth in the manner and with the effect provided by section seventy
17 eight.