

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1830**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the one-day solemnizer rule.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:       |                  |
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| <i>Julian Cyr</i>     | <i>Cape and Islands</i> |                  |
| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i>   | <i>1/29/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1830) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake for legislation to provide for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the one-day solemnizer rule. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the one-day solemnizer rule.

1           **Resolved**, That a special commission is hereby established for the purposes of making an  
2 investigation and study relative to the effects of Massachusetts’s one-day solemnizer rule on  
3 those citizens of the commonwealth who have been designated as, or solemnized by, either a  
4 justice of the peace or a one-day solemnizer. The commission shall further examine the code of  
5 ethics collaboration between justices of the piece and solemnizers The commission shall consist  
6 of: the secretary of state or a designee, who shall serve as chair; 1 member of the senate, whom  
7 shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the house, whom shall be appointed by  
8 the speaker of the house; and 2 persons appointed by the governor, 1 of whom who has  
9 participated as a one-day solemnizer, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Justice of  
10 the Peace Association.

11           All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of this  
12 resolve. The chairpersons shall meet with the commission not later than 60 days after the  
13 effective date of this resolve.

14           Members shall not receive compensation for their services but may receive  
15 reimbursement for the reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities as  
16 members of the commission.

17           Not later than October 15, 2019, the commission shall report to the general court the  
18 result of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of  
19 legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of  
20 the house of representatives.