

SENATE No. 1874

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 regarding revitalizing the right of free petition.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1874) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation regarding revitalizing the right of free petition. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

Resolve regarding revitalizing the right of free petition.

1 **Resolved**, 1.) A Resolution regarding informing the population of Massachusetts about
2 the use of the Right Of Free Petition; the use of Bills, Resolves, Resolutions, and Proposals for
3 Constitutional Amendments.

4 2.) It being the proper business of the persons of Massachusetts, to be able to intersect
5 with their government, therefore The Right Of Free Petition, should be revitalized, by a series of
6 steps considered by The Great And General Court, and its two legislative chambers.

7 3.) This legislation requests and describes creation of a Special Committee and/or
8 Commission of members of the House, and Senate, to

9 consider how to publicize, educate, and disseminate information to the general
10 population of Massachusetts, regarding the availability,

11 and processes for filing proposed legislative actions under the Right Of Free Petition:

12 Bills, Resolves, Resolutions, and Proposals for Constitutional Amendments.

13 4.) The Special Committee and/or Commission shall hold, well-publicized hearings, at
14 both the State House, and in at least four other geographically disparate areas of The
15 Commonwealth, to collect public comment regarding actions to be taken.

16 5.) A suitable generally available publication shall be created, and disseminated by the
17 Secretary of The Commonwealth, to provide general information as to how this right can be
18 readily exercised. – It is the intent of this measure, that more individuals may bring forward,
19 ideas, thoughts, and useful mechanisms, for the benefit of government, and our society.

20 6.) This body shall be a membership appointed by the Speaker of the House, President of
21 the Senate, and shall have representation of all political parties, including Unenrolled (non-party,
22 Independents) from each body. Membership shall be appointed within three (3)
23 months of passage.

24 7.) This body shall have a lifespan of eighteen (18) months from the appointment of its
25 members.