

SENATE No. 2073

Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Spilka) to the interim report of the joint special committee established (under Senate Order No. 9 of 2011) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts (House, No. 3798)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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1 SECTION 1. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 1, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 1. For the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States
4 and delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties, until
5 otherwise provided by law, the commonwealth is divided into the following 9 districts, each of
6 which shall elect 1 representative:

7 First Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in Berkshire county; the
8 towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath,
9 Leyden, Monroe, Rowe and Shelburne, all in the county of Franklin; the cities of Chicopee,
10 Holyoke, Springfield, West Springfield and Westfield, and the towns of Agawam, Blandford,
11 Brimfield, Chester, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Ludlow,
12 Monson and Montgomery, precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the town of Palmer and the towns of
13 Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Wales and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; the city of
14 Easthampton and the towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Huntington,
15 Middlefield, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and

16 Worthington, all in the county of Hampshire; the towns of Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, East
17 Brookfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Warren, all in the county of Worcester.

18 Second Congressional District - Consisting of the towns of Deerfield, Erving, Gill,
19 Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland,
20 Warwick, Wendell and Whately, all in the county of Franklin; sub-precinct 1A of the town of
21 Palmer, in the county of Hampden; the city of Northampton and the towns of Amherst,
22 Belchertown, Hadley, Hatfield, Pelham and Ware, all in the county of Hampshire; precinct 5 and
23 sub-precinct 4A of the town of Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk; the cities of Leominster
24 and Worcester and the towns of Athol, Auburn, Barre, Blackstone, Boylston, Douglas, Grafton,
25 Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, New Braintree, North
26 Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston,
27 Princeton, Royalston, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Templeton, Upton,
28 Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough and precinct 1 of the town of
29 Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester.

30 Third Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and
31 Methuen and precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the town of Andover, all in the county of Essex;
32 the cities of Lowell and Marlborough and the towns of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough,
33 Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard,
34 Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, precinct 1 of the town of Sudbury and the towns of Townsend,
35 Tyngsborough and Westford, all in the county of Middlesex; the cities of Fitchburg and Gardner
36 and the towns of Ashburnham, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg,
37 Westminster and precincts 2 and 3 and sub-precinct 1A of the town of Winchendon, all in the
38 county of Worcester.

39 Fourth Congressional District - Consisting of the city of Attleboro, precinct C of ward 4,
40 precinct C of ward 5, sub-precincts B1 of ward 5 and C1 of ward 6 and wards 7, 8 and 9 of the
41 city of Fall River and the city of Taunton and the towns of Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Freetown,
42 Mansfield, North Attleborough and Norton, precincts 3 and 4 and sub-precincts 1A and 2A of
43 the town of Raynham and the towns of Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset and Swansea, all in the
44 county of Bristol; the city of Newton and the town of Hopkinton, both in the county of
45 Middlesex; precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the town of Bellingham and the towns of Brookline, Dover,
46 Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Plainville, Sharon,
47 Wellesley and Wrentham, all in the county of Norfolk; the town of Lakeville in the county of
48 Plymouth; the towns of Hopedale and Milford, both in the county of Worcester.

49 Fifth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Malden, Medford and Melrose,
50 precincts 2 and 3 of ward 4, wards 6, 7, 8 and 9, sub-precinct 2A of ward 3 and precincts 1 and 2
51 of ward 10 of the city of Cambridge, the cities of Waltham and Woburn and the towns of
52 Arlington, Ashland, Belmont, Framingham, Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Natick, Sherborn and
53 Stoneham, precincts 2, 3, 4 and 5 and sub-precinct 1A of the town of Sudbury and the towns of
54 Watertown, Wayland, Weston and Winchester, all in the county of Middlesex; the city of Revere
55 and the town of Winthrop, both in the county of Suffolk; and the town of Southborough in the
56 county of Worcester.

57 Sixth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn,
58 Newburyport, Peabody and Salem and precincts 1 and 8 and sub-precincts 7A and 9A of the
59 town of Andover and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown,
60 Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac,
61 Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, North Andover, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Saugus,

62 Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham and West Newbury, all in the county of Essex; the towns of
63 Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield and Wilmington,
64 all in the county of Middlesex.

65 Seventh Congressional District - Consisting of wards 1, 2, 3, precinct 1 of ward 4, ward 5,
66 precinct 3 of ward 10 and ward 11 of the city of Cambridge and the cities of Everett and
67 Somerville, all in the county of Middlesex; wards 1 and 2, precincts 7 and 8 of ward 3, ward 4,
68 precincts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of ward 5, precinct 10 of ward 7, wards 8, 9 and 10, precincts 1,
69 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of ward 11, ward 12, precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of ward 13, wards 14 and
70 15, precincts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11 of ward 16, wards 17 and 18, precincts 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of
71 ward 19, precinct 3 of ward 20, and wards 21 and 22 of the city of Boston and the city of
72 Chelsea, both in the county of Suffolk; and precincts 1, 5, and 10 in the town of Milton and the
73 town of Randolph, both in the county of Norfolk.

74 Eighth Congressional District - Consisting of precincts 1 and 2 of the town of Raynham,
75 in the county of Bristol; the towns of Avon, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Holbrook,
76 precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the town of Milton, the towns of Norwood, Stoughton, Walpole,
77 Westwood and Weymouth and the city of Quincy, all in the county of Norfolk; the towns of
78 Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West Bridgewater, and
79 Whitman and the city of Brockton, all in the county of Plymouth; and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
80 of ward 3, precincts 3, 4, 5 and 11 of ward 5, ward 6, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of ward
81 7, precincts 9 and 10 of ward 11, precincts 3, 7 and 10 of ward 13, precincts 2, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12
82 of ward 16, and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of ward 19 and precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
83 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of ward 20 of the city of Boston, in the county of
84 Suffolk.

85 Ninth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in the counties of
86 Barnstable, Dukes County and Nantucket; the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and
87 Westport, wards 1, 2, 3, precincts A and B of ward 4, precincts A and B of ward 5 and ward 6 of
88 the city of Fall River and the city of New Bedford, all in the county of Bristol; and the towns of
89 Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett,
90 Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland and Wareham,
91 all in the county of Plymouth.

92 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
93 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
94 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the town clerk
95 of the town of Andover shall create sub-precinct 7A including census blocks 250092543012024,
96 250092543022012, 250092543022013, 250092543022014, 250092543022015,
97 250092543022016, 250092543022017, 250092543022022, 250092543022023,
98 250092543022024, 250092543022025, 250092543022026, 250092543022027,
99 250092543022028, 250092543022029, 250092543022030, 250092543022031,
100 250092543022032, 250092543022033, 250092543022034, 250092543022035,
101 250092543023013, 250092543023014 and 250092543023015, which shall be included within
102 the Sixth Congressional District.

103 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing
104 representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate delegates to the
105 national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the town clerk of the town of
106 Andover shall create sub-precinct 9A including census block 250092543011034, which shall be
107 included within the Sixth Congressional District.

108 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
109 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
110 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
111 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Bellingham shall create sub-precinct 4A including
112 census blocks 250214431022004, 250214431022005 and 250214431024041, which shall be
113 included within the Second Congressional District.

114 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
115 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
116 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1 the election
117 commission of the city of Cambridge shall create sub-precinct 2A of ward 3 including census
118 blocks 250173530002001, 250173528002005, 250173528002004, 250173528002002,
119 250173528001002, 250173527002007, 250173527002006, 250173527002005,
120 250173527002004 and 250173527002003, which shall be included within the Fifth
121 Congressional District.

122 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
123 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
124 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the election
125 commission of the city of Fall River shall create sub-precinct B1 of ward 5 including census
126 blocks 250056412002006, 250056412002007, 250056412002010, 250056412002011,
127 250056412002051, 250056413002015, 250056413004003, 250056413004004 and
128 250056413004005, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

129 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing
130 representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate delegates to the
131 national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the election commission of the
132 city of Fall River shall create sub-precinct C1 of ward 6 including census block
133 250056417002021, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

134 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
135 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
136 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
137 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Palmer shall create sub-precinct 1A including
138 census blocks 250138101001018, 250138101001019, 250138102001001, 250138102003000,
139 250138102003001, 250138102003002, 250138102003003, 250138102003012,
140 250138102003013, 250138102003020, 250138102003021, 250138102003022,
141 250138102003023 and 250138102003024, which shall be included within the Second
142 Congressional District.

143 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
144 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
145 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
146 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Raynham shall create sub-precinct 2A including
147 census blocks 250056121001016, 250056121001020, 250056121001021, 250056121001022,
148 250056121001023, 250056121001024, 250056121001025, 250056121001026,
149 250056121001027, 250056121001032, 250056121002028, 250056121002029 and
150 250056121002031; and sub-precinct 1A including census blocks 250056122001018,

151 250056122001020, 250056122001021, 250056122001022, 250056122001024 and
152 250056122002001, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

153 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
154 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
155 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
156 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Sudbury shall create sub-precinct 1A including
157 census blocks 250173651002006, 250173651002007, 250173651002010, 250173651003005,
158 250173651003007, 250173651003009, 250173651003011, 250173651003012,
159 250173651003013, 250173651003014, 250173651003015 and 250173651003016, which shall
160 be included within the Fifth Congressional District.

161 SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
162 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
163 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
164 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Winchendon shall create sub-precinct 1A including
165 census blocks 250277011001021, 250277011001022, 250277011001023, 250277011002014,
166 250277011003008, 250277011003019, 250277011003020, 250277011003021,
167 250277011005000, 250277011005001, 250277011005005, 250277011006000,
168 250277011006001, 250277011006002, 250277011006004, 250277011006006,
169 250277011006007, 250277011006008, 250277011006009, 250277011006010,
170 250277011006011, 250277011006012, 250277011006013, 250277011006014,
171 250277011006017, 250277011006018, 250277011006019, 250277011006020,
172 250277011006021, 250277011006022, 250277011006023, 250277011006024,

173 250277011006025, 250277011006026, 250277011006027, 250277011006028 and
174 250277022001000, which shall be included within the Third Congressional District.

175 SECTION 10. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of a civil action relative
176 to the establishment of congressional districts under section 1. A complaint in the action shall be
177 filed in the court within 10 days after the effective date of this act.

178 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding and general or special law to the contrary, every city or
179 town which contains a voting precinct located in more than 1 congressional district shall divide
180 that precinct along the congressional district boundary into 2 sub-precincts. If the polling place
181 for a sub-precinct created under this act is located in the same building as for an existing
182 precinct, no additional election officers need be appointed for such sub-precinct.

183 SECTION 12. Any costs incurred by the cities or towns due to revisions of the new
184 congressional districts contained in this act shall be borne by the commonwealth.”.