

SENATE No. 562

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel A. Wolf

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 creating the County Property Insurance Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Daniel A. Wolf

Cape and Islands

Timothy R. Madden

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

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By Mr. Wolf, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 562) of Daniel A. Wolf and Timothy R. Madden for legislation to create the County Property Insurance Commission. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

Resolve creating the County Property Insurance Commission.

1 Resolved, That there shall be a special commission to review the feasibility of creating a
2 county managed property insurance entity to serve the counties of Barnstable, Dukes and
3 Nantucket, and any other county interested in pursuing this option. The commission shall consist
4 of: the Commissioner of the Division of Insurance or a designee; a representative of the
5 Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association; a representative of the
6 Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc.; a representative of the mutual insurance
7 industry of Massachusetts; the executive director of the Cape Cod commission or a designee; a
8 Barnstable county commissioner or a designee; a Dukes county commissioner or a designee; a
9 Nantucket county commissioner or a designee; a representative of Citizens for Homeowners
10 Insurance Reform Inc., a consumer group with experience advocating for equitable property
11 insurance rates in Massachusetts; the attorney general or a designee; a member appointed by the
12 senate President; and a member appointed by the speaker of the house.

13 The commission’s review shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

14 (i) a cost-benefit analysis of a county-managed property insurance office providing
15 service to property owners in Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties;

16 (ii) a report on the legal and regulatory changes needed to create a county property
17 insurance entity, including review of best practices from other governmental entities;

18 (iii) a report on past property insurance pricing, including an analysis of loss ratios in
19 various sectors of the market and Commonwealth;

20 (iv) an analysis of the relationship of consumer prices to the secondary insurance
21 underwriting market and ways to improve pricing;

22 (v) an analysis of whether there would be benefits to Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket in
23 joining with other counties or areas around the Commonwealth to create a publicly managed
24 property insurance office; and

25 (vi) an examination of whether such initiatives would mitigate rising flood insurance
26 rates.

27 The commission shall file a report of its findings, including any legislative or regulatory
28 recommendations, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than
29 May 1, 2016.