

HOUSE No. 3798

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for a new division of the commonwealth into congressional districts, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. 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 and Westfield, and the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester,
11 East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson,

12 Montgomery, precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the town of Palmer, the towns of Russell, Southwick,
13 Tolland, Wales and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; the city of Easthampton and the
14 towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, South
15 Hadley, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington, all in the county of
16 Hampshire; the towns of Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, East Brookfield, Southbridge,
17 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; 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 of
23 the town of Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk; the cities of Leominster and Worcester and the
24 towns of Athol, Auburn, Barre, Blackstone, Boylston, Douglas, Grafton, Hardwick, Holden,
25 Hubbardston, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, New Braintree, North Brookfield,
26 Northborough, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton,
27 Royalston, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Templeton, Upton, Uxbridge,
28 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 of the town of Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester.

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

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

54 Sixth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn,
55 Newburyport, Peabody, and Salem, and precincts 1 and 8 of the town of Andover, and the towns
56 of Amesbury, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynnfield,

57 Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, North Andover,
58 Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, and West Newbury, all
59 in the county of Essex; and, and the towns of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading,
60 Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield, and Wilmington all in the county of Middlesex.

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

70 Eighth Congressional District - Consisting of the town of Easton and precincts 1 and 2 of
71 the town of Raynham, all in the county of Bristol; the towns of, Avon, Braintree, Canton,
72 Cohasset, Dedham, Holbrook, precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the town of Milton, the towns of
73 Norwood, Stoughton, Westwood, and Weymouth, and the city of Quincy, all in the county of
74 Norfolk; the towns of Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West
75 Bridgewater, and Whitman and the city of Brockton, all in the county of Plymouth; and precincts
76 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of ward 3, precincts 3, 4, 5 and 11 of ward 5, ward 6, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
77 7, 8, and 9 of ward 7, precincts 9 and 10 of ward 11, precincts 3, 7 and 10 of ward 13, precincts
78 2, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12 of ward 16, and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 of ward 19, and precincts

79 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of ward 20 of the city of Boston,
80 in the county of Suffolk.

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

88 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
89 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
90 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
91 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen and town clerk department of the
92 town of Andover to include census blocks 250092543012024, 250092543022012,
93 250092543022013, 250092543022014, 250092543022015, 250092543022016,
94 250092543022017, 250092543022022, 250092543022023, 250092543022024,
95 250092543022025, 250092543022026, 250092543022027, 250092543022028,
96 250092543022029, 250092543022030, 250092543022031, 250092543022032,
97 250092543022033, 250092543022034, 250092543022035, 250092543023013,
98 250092543023014 and 250092543023015, all in precinct 8 of the town of Andover, and to
99 include census block 250092543011034 in precinct 1 of the town of Andover.

100 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
101 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
102 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
103 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of Bellingham to
104 include census blocks 250214431022004, 250214431022005 and 250214431024041, all in
105 precinct 5, of the town of Bellingham.

106 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
107 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
108 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
109 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Cambridge to
110 include census blocks 250173530002001, 250173528002005, 250173528002004,
111 250173528002002, 250173528001002, 250173527002007, 250173527002006,
112 250173527002005, 250173527002004, and 250173527002003, all in precinct 1 of ward 6, of the
113 city of Cambridge.

114 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
115 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
116 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
117 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Fall River to
118 include census blocks 250056412002006, 250056412002007, 250056412002010,
119 250056412002011, 250056412002051, 250056413002015, 250056413004003,
120 250056413004004, and 250056413004005 all in precinct C of ward 5, and census block
121 250056417002021 in precinct C of ward 8, all in the city of Fall River.

122 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
123 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
124 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
125 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of
126 Palmer to include census blocks 250138101001018, 250138101001019, 250138102001001,
127 250138102003000, 250138102003001, 250138102003002, 250138102003003,
128 250138102003012, 250138102003013, 250138102003020, 250138102003021,
129 250138102003022, 250138102003023 and 250138102003024, all in new precinct 1A, of the
130 town of Palmer.

131 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
132 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
133 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
134 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen of the town of Raynham to
135 include census block 250056122003032 in precinct 1 of the town of Raynham, and to include
136 census blocks 250056121001032, 250056121002031, 250056122001024, 250056122002011 and
137 250056122002013 in precinct 4 of the town of Raynham, and to include census block
138 250056121001028 in precinct 2 of the town of Raynham.

139 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
140 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
141 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
142 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of
143 Sudbury to include census blocks 250173651002006, 250173651002007, 250173651002010,
144 250173651003005, 250173651003007, 250173651003009, 250173651003011,

145 250173651003012, 250173651003013, 250173651003014, 250173651003015 and
146 250173651003016 in precinct 5 of the town of Sudbury.

147 SECTION 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
148 contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
149 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
150 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of Winchendon to
151 include census blocks 250277011001021, 250277011001022, 250277011001023,
152 250277011002014, 250277011003008, 250277011003019, 250277011003020,
153 250277011003021, 250277011005000, 250277011005001, 250277011005005,
154 250277011006000, 250277011006001, 250277011006002, 250277011006004,
155 250277011006006, 250277011006007, 250277011006008, 250277011006009,
156 250277011006010, 250277011006011, 250277011006012, 250277011006013,
157 250277011006014, 250277011006017, 250277011006018, 250277011006019,
158 250277011006020, 250277011006021, 250277011006022, 250277011006023,
159 250277011006024, 250277011006025, 250277011006026, 250277011006027,
160 250277011006028, and 250277022001000, all in precinct 3, of the town of Winchendon.

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