

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4553**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul J. Donato***

*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 bill:

An Act increasing the membership of the permanent commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul J. Donato*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*35th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to increase the membership of the commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren from 11 to 15 members and to allow for special appointments. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**

An Act increasing the membership of the permanent commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren.

*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 69(a) of C. 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended as follows:

2 In line 2, the number 11 shall be replaced by the number 15

3 In lines 5 to 6 after the word “governor:” delete “1 person” and add “2 persons”

4 and after the word “representatives” add the following language: “and one of the persons  
5 so appointed shall be a member of the House of Representatives.”

6 In lines 6 to 7 after the words “leader”, delete “1 person” and add “2 persons” and after  
7 the word “senate” add the following language: “and one of the persons so appointed shall be a  
8 member of the Massachusetts Senate.”

9 In line 7, strike the word “and”

10           In line 8 after “attorney general” add the following language “one appointment to be  
11 made by the Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court, said appointment to have  
12 demonstrated a commitment to the rearing of grandchildren by grandparents and one  
13 appointment to be made by the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Court, said appointment to have  
14 demonstrated a commitment to the rearing of grandchildren by grandparents.”