

HOUSE No. 580

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Mahoney, (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 bill:

An Act to reduce signature requirements for nominating papers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

George Phillis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*48 Hancock Hill Drive Worcester, MA
01609*

HOUSE No. 580

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of George Phillies for legislation to reduce signature requirements for nomination papers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to reduce signature requirements for nominating papers.

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 6 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, is hereby amended as follows:

2 After “for governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, United States senator, and
3 presidential electors,” replace “ten thousand” with “five thousand”;

4 After “for state secretary, state treasurer, and state auditor,” replace “five thousand” with
5 “two thousand five hundred”;

6 After “for representative in congress,” replace “two thousand” with “one thousand”;

7 After “for state senator,” replace “three hundred” with “one hundred fifty”;

8 After “for state representative,” replace “one hundred and fifty” with “seventy-five”;

9 After “for councilor, district attorney, clerk of courts, register of probate, register of
10 deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer,” replace “one thousand”, with “five
11 hundred”;

12 After “except for clerk of courts, register of probate, register of deeds, county
13 commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer, in Barnstable, Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire
14 counties,” replace “five hundred,” with “two hundred fifty”; And

15 After “and for any such offices in Dukes and Nantucket counties,” replace “twenty-five”
16 with “thirteen”.