

HOUSE No. 200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert M. Koczera

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 allowing for Congressional district apportionment of Presidential electors..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 200) of Robert M. Koczera relative to further regulating the appointment of Presidential electors. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 655 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act allowing for Congressional district apportionment of Presidential electors..

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. Section 8 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “electors”, in line 15, the
3 following words:- One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district and
4 two presidential electors shall be chosen at large. Each presidential elector chosen from a
5 congressional district shall reside in the congressional district for which the presidential elector is
6 chosen.

7 SECTION 2. Section 78A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 8, the
9 following words:-and a resident of the congressional district in which he or she elected as
10 applicable.

11 SECTION 3. Section 151 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out all after “elected” in line 2 and by striking out
13 lines 3 through 6 and inserting in its place the following:- a presidential elector shall be chosen
14 equal to one elector and each congressional district in the commonwealth and two electors at
15 large. The presidential electors of each congressional district shall cast their ballots for the
16 presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in each
17 respective congressional district. The presidential electors at large shall cast their ballots for the
18 presidential and vice presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in the
19 commonwealth. Presidential electors shall be chosen by the voters of the commonwealth in the
20 manner and with the effect provided by section seventy eight.