

HOUSE No. 2587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Viriato Manuel deMacedo

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 relative to increasing government efficiency through the use of electronic paperwork.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2011</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Messrs. Jones of North Reading and deMacedo of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2587) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to increasing government efficiency through the use of electronic paperwork. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to increasing government efficiency through the use of electronic paperwork.

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. Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the secretary of
2 administration and finance shall increase the efficiency of government through:

3 (1) Reducing the use of paper through maximizing the available uses of information
4 technology, including alternative information technologies to substitute for paper and increasing
5 the use of electronic methods for the maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information, to
6 improve data quality, agency efficiency and responsiveness to the public;

7 (2) Eliminating costly and wasteful government publications through the expanded use of
8 electronic methods for distribution of documentation throughout state government, where
9 feasible and appropriate;

(3) Increasing and maximizing the availability of online transactions; including statutorily and regulatory, required corporate filings and frequently transacted governmental business with the citizens of the Commonwealth;

(4) Maximizing the use and availability electronic forms of payment and eliminating or minimizing any prohibitive fees associated with such transactions; and

(5) Eliminating duplicative permitting and paperwork requirements through implementing inter-agency file sharing technologies in order that electronically stored data can be viewed and routed, where appropriate, by multiple agencies.

SECTION 2. The secretary shall investigate any current statutory impediments for the reduction of the use of paper by state government and any impediments both statutory and technological, for more efficient electronic data storage and dissemination. The secretary shall submit his findings, along with any legislative recommendations to address those findings, to the house and senate clerks, and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight no later than January 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, there shall be a special commission to investigate and make recommendations as to the feasibility of increasing electronic filings, records management and transactions within the judiciary. Said commission shall investigate the possibility of eliminating, or substantially reducing the utilization of paper filings in court proceedings.

Said commission shall consist of twenty-five members, one member shall be the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, or her designee, who shall also serve as chair; one member shall be the chief justice of the appeals court, or his designee; one member shall be the chief

justice for administration and management, or his designee; one member shall be the chief judge of the probate and family court, or his designee; one member shall be the chief judge of the land court, or his designee; one member shall be the attorney general of the commonwealth, or her designee; nineteen members shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, provided that three members shall be district attorneys from diverse dispersed areas of the commonwealth, or their designees; provided further that three members shall be clerk of courts in the commonwealth, or their designees; provided further that two members shall be registers of deeds in the commonwealth, or their designees; provided further that two members shall be registers of probate in the commonwealth, or their designees; provided further that six members shall be selected from nominations provided by the Massachusetts Bar Association, provided that such persons shall represent diverse practice areas and practice sizes; provided further that four members shall be experts in areas of information technology, data storage, security and privacy protection.

Said commission shall submit its findings, along with any legislative recommendations necessary to address those findings, to the house and senate clerks, the joint committee on the judiciary, and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight no later than February 1, 2012.