

HOUSE No. 2867

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel B. Winslow

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 Defend Marriage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2867) of Daniel B. Winslow relative to civil unions or domestic partnerships. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to Defend Marriage.

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 4 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:- A marriage
3 contracted while either party thereto has entered into a civil union or domestic partnership with
4 another person, unless such civil union or domestic partnership has lawfully been terminated or
5 dissolved, shall be void.