



13 currently has one precinct, the new census numbers show a population of 6,520 inhabitants, thus  
14 requiring creation of a second precinct. The most recent census count, however, includes  
15 approximately 1200 prisoners living in the federal medical prison at Devens. The non-prison  
16 population thus remains well below statutory limits.

17 Given that the population of eligible voters in Harvard is well below the statutory  
18 threshold for creation of a second precinct, the intent of ensuring an orderly voting process will  
19 not be furthered by creation of a second precinct. The creation of an additional precinct thus  
20 would create unnecessary fiscal and logistical burdens for the Town.

21 I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

22 Respectfully submitted,

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25 SECTION1. Notwithstanding section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other  
26 general or special law to the contrary, the town of Harvard shall not be required to establish  
27 separate voting precincts, provided that the nonprisoner population of the town remains below  
28 the standard established by said section 6 of said chapter 54 requiring reprecincting.

29 SECTION 2. The nonprisoner population of the town of Harvard shall be determined by  
30 subtracting the prisoner population as reported by the Federal Medical Prison Center in Devens  
31 to the town from the total population as reported by the United States Census Bureau as  
32 calculated in the most recent decennial census. The prisoner population information shall be in

33 the same form as the population information given to the town by the United States Census  
34 Bureau.

35 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.