

HOUSE No. 3798

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for a new division of the commonwealth into congressional districts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 1, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:
3 Section 1. For the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
4 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties, until otherwise
5 provided by law, the commonwealth is divided into the following 9 districts, each of which shall
6 elect 1 representative: First Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in
7 Berkshire county; the towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway,
8 Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe and Shelburne, all in the county of Franklin; the cities of
9 Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield and Westfield, and the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield,
10 Chester, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson,
11 Montgomery, precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the town of Palmer, the towns of Russell, Southwick,

12 Tolland, Wales and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; the city of Easthampton and the
13 towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, South
14 Hadley, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington, all in the county of
15 Hampshire; the towns of Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, East Brookfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge
16 and Warren, all in the county of Worcester. Second Congressional District - Consisting of the
17 towns of Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield,
18 Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately, all in the county of Franklin;
19 precinct 1A of the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden; the city of Northampton and the
20 towns of Amherst, Belchertown, Hadley, Hatfield, Pelham and Ware, all in the county of
21 Hampshire; precinct 5 of the town of Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk; the cities of
22 Leominster and Worcester and the towns of Athol, Auburn, Barre, Blackstone, Boylston,
23 Douglas, Grafton, Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, New
24 Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Petersham,
25 Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Templeton,
26 Upton, Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough, and precinct 1 of the
27 town of Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester. Third Congressional District - Consisting of
28 the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and Methuen, and precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the town of
29 Andover, all in the county of Essex; the cities of Lowell and Marlborough and the towns of
30 Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton,
31 Hudson, Littleton, Maynard, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, precinct 1 of the town of Sudbury, and the
32 towns of Townsend, Tyngsborough and Westford, all in the county of Middlesex; the cities of
33 Fitchburg and Gardner and the towns of Ashburnham, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard,
34 Lancaster, Lunenburg, Westminster and , precincts 2 and 3 of the town of Winchendon, all in the

35 county of Worcester. Fourth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Attleboro,
36 precinct C of ward 4, precinct C of ward 5, and wards 7, 8, and 9, of the city of Fall River, and
37 the city of Taunton, and the towns of Berkley, Dighton, Freetown, Mansfield, North
38 Attleborough, Norton, precincts 3 and 4 of the town of Raynham, and the towns of Rehoboth,
39 Seekonk, Somerset and Swansea, all in the county of Bristol; the city of Newton and the town of
40 Hopkinton, both in the county of Middlesex; precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the town of Bellingham,
41 and the towns of Brookline, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham,
42 Norfolk, Plainville, Sharon, Walpole, Wellesley and Wrentham, all in the county of Norfolk; the
43 town of Lakeville in the county of Plymouth; the towns of Hopedale and Milford, all in the
44 county of Worcester. Fifth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities Malden, Medford,
45 Melrose, precincts 2 and 3 of ward 4, wards 6, 7, 8, and 9, and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 10 of
46 the city of Cambridge, and the cities of Waltham, and Woburn, and the towns of Arlington,
47 Ashland, Belmont, Framingham, Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Natick, Sherborn, Stoneham,
48 and precincts 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Sudbury, Watertown, Wayland, Weston, and Winchester, all in the
49 county of Middlesex; the city of Revere and the town of Winthrop, both in the county of Suffolk;
50 and the town of Southborough in the county of Worcester. Sixth Congressional District -
51 Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn, Newburyport, Peabody, and Salem, and
52 precincts 1 and 8 of the town of Andover, and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Danvers, Essex,
53 Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead,
54 Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, North Andover, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Saugus,
55 Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, and West Newbury, all in the county of Essex; and, and the
56 towns of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield, and
57 Wilmington all in the county of Middlesex. Seventh Congressional District - Consisting of wards

58 1, 2, 3, precinct 1 of ward 4, ward 5, precinct 3 of ward 10, and ward 11 of the city of Cambridge,
59 and the cities of Everett and Somerville, all in the county of Middlesex; wards 1 and 2, precincts
60 7 and 8 of ward 3, ward 4, precincts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of ward 5, precinct 10 of ward 7,
61 wards 8, 9 and 10, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of ward 11, ward 12, precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8
62 and 9 of ward 13, wards 14 and 15, precincts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11 of ward 16, wards 17 and 18,
63 precincts 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of ward 19, precinct 3 of ward 20, and wards 21 and 22 of the city
64 of Boston and the city of Chelsea, both in the county of Suffolk; and precincts 1, 5, and 10 in the
65 town of Milton and the town of Randolph, both in the county of Norfolk. Eighth Congressional
66 District - Consisting of the town of Easton and precincts 1 and 2 of the town of Raynham, all in
67 the county of Bristol; the towns of, Avon, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Holbrook,
68 precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the town of Milton, the towns of Norwood, Stoughton,
69 Westwood, and Weymouth, and the city of Quincy, all in the county of Norfolk; the towns of
70 Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West Bridgewater, and
71 Whitman and the city of Brockton, all in the county of Plymouth; and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
72 of ward 3, precincts 3, 4, 5 and 11 of ward 5, ward 6, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of ward
73 7, precincts 9 and 10 of ward 11, precincts 3, 7 and 10 of ward 13, precincts 2, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12
74 of ward 16, and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 of ward 19, and precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
75 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of ward 20 of the city of Boston, in the county of
76 Suffolk. Ninth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in the counties of
77 Barnstable, Dukes County, and Nantucket; the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and
78 Westport, wards 1, 2, 3, precincts A and B of ward 4, precincts A and B of ward 5, and ward 6 of
79 the City of Fall River, and the city of New Bedford, all in the county of Bristol; and the towns of
80 Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett,

81 Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, and Wareham,
82 all in the county of Plymouth. SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
83 special law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the
84 United States and delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties
85 as provided in section 1, the state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen and town clerk
86 department of the town of Andover to include census blocks 250092543012024,
87 250092543022012, 250092543022013, 250092543022014, 250092543022015,
88 250092543022016, 250092543022017, 250092543022022, 250092543022023,
89 250092543022024, 250092543022025, 250092543022026, 250092543022027,
90 250092543022028, 250092543022029, 250092543022030, 250092543022031,
91 250092543022032, 250092543022033, 250092543022034, 250092543022035,
92 250092543023013, 250092543023014 and 250092543023015, all in precinct 8 of the town of
93 Andover, and to include census block 250092543011034 in precinct 1 of the town of Andover.
94 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for
95 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and
96 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the
97 state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of Bellingham to include census
98 blocks 250214431022004, 250214431022005 and 250214431024041, all in precinct 5, of the
99 town of Bellingham. SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
100 to the contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States
101 and delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided
102 in section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Cambridge to
103 include census blocks 250173530002001, 250173528002005, 250173528002004,

104 250173528002002, 250173528001002, 250173527002007, 250173527002006,
105 250173527002005, 250173527002004, and 250173527002003, all in precinct 1 of ward 6, of the
106 city of Cambridge. SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
107 the contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and
108 delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in
109 section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election commission of the city of Fall River to
110 include census blocks 250056412002006, 250056412002007, 250056412002010,
111 250056412002011, 250056412002051, 250056413002015, 250056413004003,
112 250056413004004, and 250056413004005 all in precinct C of ward 5, and census block
113 250056417002021 in precinct C of ward 8, all in the city of Fall River. SECTION 6.
114 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of
115 electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
116 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the state
117 secretary shall direct the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of Palmer to include
118 census blocks 250138101001018, 250138101001019, 250138102001001, 250138102003000,
119 250138102003001, 250138102003002, 250138102003003, 250138102003012,
120 250138102003013, 250138102003020, 250138102003021, 250138102003022,
121 250138102003023 and 250138102003024, all in new precinct 1A, of the town of Palmer.
122 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for
123 the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and
124 alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the
125 state secretary shall direct the board of selectmen of the town of Raynham to include census
126 block 250056122003032 in precinct 1 of the town of Raynham, and to include census blocks

127 250056121001032, 250056121002031, 250056122001024, 250056122002011 and
128 250056122002013 in precinct 4 of the town of Raynham, and to include census block
129 250056121001028 in precinct 2 of the town of Raynham. SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the
130 provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing
131 representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate delegates to the
132 national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the state secretary shall direct
133 the board of selectmen the town clerk of the town of Sudbury to include census blocks
134 250173651002006, 250173651002007, 250173651002010, 250173651003005,
135 250173651003007, 250173651003009, 250173651003011, 250173651003012,
136 250173651003013, 250173651003014, 250173651003015 and 250173651003016 in precinct 5
137 of the town of Sudbury. SECTION 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special
138 law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United
139 States and delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties as
140 provided in section 1, the state secretary shall direct the election department of the town of
141 Winchendon to include census blocks 250277011001021, 250277011001022,
142 250277011001023, 250277011002014, 250277011003008, 250277011003019,
143 250277011003020, 250277011003021, 250277011005000, 250277011005001,
144 250277011005005, 250277011006000, 250277011006001, 250277011006002,
145 250277011006004, 250277011006006, 250277011006007, 250277011006008,
146 250277011006009, 250277011006010, 250277011006011, 250277011006012,
147 250277011006013, 250277011006014, 250277011006017, 250277011006018,
148 250277011006019, 250277011006020, 250277011006021, 250277011006022,
149 250277011006023, 250277011006024, 250277011006025, 250277011006026,

150 250277011006027, 250277011006028, and 250277022001000, all in precinct 3, of the town of
151 Winchendon. SECTION 10. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of a civil action
152 relative to the establishment of congressional districts under section 1. A complaint in the action
153 shall be filed in the court within 10 days after the effective date of this act.