

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1556**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 preventing undue influence on state hiring decisions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1556) of Eldridge, Ross and Brownsberger for legislation to prevent undue influence on state hiring decisions [Joint Committee on Rules].

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act preventing undue influence on state hiring decisions.

*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 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 69 the following section:-

3 Section 70. No member of the general court shall, by any form of communication  
4 including but not limited to phone calls, letters or electronic communication, recommend,  
5 directly or indirectly, the employment or appointment of any person by any department of the  
6 judicial or executive branch or any state agency or authority unless: (a) the member of the  
7 general court has directly supervised said person in a professional environment for at least one  
8 month; or (b) the member of the general court has had an ongoing direct professional  
9 relationship with said person for a period of time no shorter than one year. Any member in  
10 violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$100 per violation.  
11 The payment of such fine may not be made by a political committee organized on behalf of a  
12 member of the general court.