

SENATE No. 2073

Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Spilka) to the interim report of the joint special committee established (under Senate Order No. 9 of 2011) to make an investigation and study of a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts (House, No. 3798)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 section 1, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:

4 Section 1. For the purpose of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States
5 and delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of political parties, until
6 otherwise provided by law, the commonwealth is divided into the following 9 districts, each of
7 which shall elect 1 representative:

8 First Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in Berkshire county; the
9 towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath,
10 Leyden, Monroe, Rowe and Shelburne, all in the county of Franklin; the cities of Chicopee,
11 Holyoke, Springfield, West Springfield and Westfield, and the towns of Agawam, Blandford,
12 Brimfield, Chester, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Ludlow,
13 Monson and Montgomery, precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the town of Palmer and the towns of
14 Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Wales and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; the city of
15 Easthampton and the towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Huntington,

16 Middlefield, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and
17 Worthington, all in the county of Hampshire; the towns of Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, East
18 Brookfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Warren, all in the county of Worcester.

19 Second Congressional District - Consisting of the towns of Deerfield, Erving, Gill,
20 Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland,
21 Warwick, Wendell and Whately, all in the county of Franklin; sub-precinct 1A of the town of
22 Palmer, in the county of Hampden; the city of Northampton and the towns of Amherst,
23 Belchertown, Hadley, Hatfield, Pelham and Ware, all in the county of Hampshire; precinct 5 and
24 sub-precinct 4A of the town of Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk; the cities of Leominster
25 and Worcester and the towns of Athol, Auburn, Barre, Blackstone, Boylston, Douglas, Grafton,
26 Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, New Braintree, North
27 Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston,
28 Princeton, Royalston, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Templeton, Upton,
29 Uxbridge, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough and precinct 1 of the town of
30 Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester.

31 Third Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and
32 Methuen and precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the town of Andover, all in the county of Essex;
33 the cities of Lowell and Marlborough and the towns of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough,
34 Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard,
35 Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, precinct 1 of the town of Sudbury and the towns of Townsend,
36 Tyngsborough and Westford, all in the county of Middlesex; the cities of Fitchburg and Gardner
37 and the towns of Ashburnham, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg,

38 Westminster and precincts 2 and 3 and sub-precinct 1A of the town of Winchendon, all in the
39 county of Worcester.

40 Fourth Congressional District - Consisting of the city of Attleboro, precinct C of ward 4,
41 precinct C of ward 5, sub-precincts B1 of ward 5 and C1 of ward 6 and wards 7, 8 and 9 of the
42 city of Fall River and the city of Taunton and the towns of Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Freetown,
43 Mansfield, North Attleborough and Norton, precincts 3 and 4 and sub-precincts 1A and 2A of
44 the town of Raynham and the towns of Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset and Swansea, all in the
45 county of Bristol; the city of Newton and the town of Hopkinton, both in the county of
46 Middlesex; precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the town of Bellingham and the towns of Brookline, Dover,
47 Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Plainville, Sharon,
48 Wellesley and Wrentham, all in the county of Norfolk; the town of Lakeville in the county of
49 Plymouth; the towns of Hopedale and Milford, both in the county of Worcester.

50 Fifth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Malden, Medford and Melrose,
51 precincts 2 and 3 of ward 4, wards 6, 7, 8 and 9, sub-precinct 2A of ward 3 and precincts 1 and 2
52 of ward 10 of the city of Cambridge, the cities of Waltham and Woburn and the towns of
53 Arlington, Ashland, Belmont, Framingham, Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Natick, Sherborn and
54 Stoneham, precincts 2, 3, 4 and 5 and sub-precinct 1A of the town of Sudbury and the towns of
55 Watertown, Wayland, Weston and Winchester, all in the county of Middlesex; the city of Revere
56 and the town of Winthrop, both in the county of Suffolk; and the town of Southborough in the
57 county of Worcester.

58 Sixth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn,
59 Newburyport, Peabody and Salem and precincts 1 and 8 and sub-precincts 7A and 9A of the

60 town of Andover and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown,
61 Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac,
62 Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, North Andover, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Saugus,
63 Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham and West Newbury, all in the county of Essex; the towns of
64 Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield and Wilmington,
65 all in the county of Middlesex.

66 Seventh Congressional District - Consisting of wards 1, 2, 3, precinct 1 of ward 4, ward 5,
67 precinct 3 of ward 10 and ward 11 of the city of Cambridge and the cities of Everett and
68 Somerville, all in the county of Middlesex; wards 1 and 2, precincts 7 and 8 of ward 3, ward 4,
69 precincts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of ward 5, precinct 10 of ward 7, wards 8, 9 and 10, precincts 1,
70 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of ward 11, ward 12, precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of ward 13, wards 14 and
71 15, precincts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11 of ward 16, wards 17 and 18, precincts 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of
72 ward 19, precinct 3 of ward 20, and wards 21 and 22 of the city of Boston and the city of
73 Chelsea, both in the county of Suffolk; and precincts 1, 5, and 10 in the town of Milton and the
74 town of Randolph, both in the county of Norfolk.

75 Eighth Congressional District - Consisting of precincts 1 and 2 of the town of Raynham,
76 in the county of Bristol; the towns of Avon, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Holbrook,
77 precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the town of Milton, the towns of Norwood, Stoughton, Walpole,
78 Westwood and Weymouth and the city of Quincy, all in the county of Norfolk; the towns of
79 Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West Bridgewater, and
80 Whitman and the city of Brockton, all in the county of Plymouth; and precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
81 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
82 7, precincts 9 and 10 of ward 11, precincts 3, 7 and 10 of ward 13, precincts 2, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12

83 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, 10,
84 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of ward 20 of the city of Boston, in the county of
85 Suffolk.

86 Ninth Congressional District - Consisting of the cities and towns in the counties of
87 Barnstable, Dukes County and Nantucket; the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and
88 Westport, wards 1, 2, 3, precincts A and B of ward 4, precincts A and B of ward 5 and ward 6 of
89 the city of Fall River and the city of New Bedford, all in the county of Bristol; and the towns of
90 Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett,
91 Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland and Wareham,
92 all in the county of Plymouth.

93 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
94 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
95 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the town clerk
96 of the town of Andover shall create sub-precinct 7A including census blocks 250092543012024,
97 250092543022012, 250092543022013, 250092543022014, 250092543022015,
98 250092543022016, 250092543022017, 250092543022022, 250092543022023,
99 250092543022024, 250092543022025, 250092543022026, 250092543022027,
100 250092543022028, 250092543022029, 250092543022030, 250092543022031,
101 250092543022032, 250092543022033, 250092543022034, 250092543022035,
102 250092543023013, 250092543023014 and 250092543023015, which shall be included within
103 the Sixth Congressional District.

104 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of electing
105 representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate delegates to the
106 national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the town clerk of the town of
107 Andover shall create sub-precinct 9A including census block 250092543011034, which shall be
108 included within the Sixth Congressional District.

109 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
110 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
111 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
112 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Bellingham shall create sub-precinct 4A including
113 census blocks 250214431022004, 250214431022005 and 250214431024041, which shall be
114 included within the Second Congressional District.

115 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
116 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
117 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1 the election
118 commission of the city of Cambridge shall create sub-precinct 2A of ward 3 including census
119 blocks 250173530002001, 250173528002005, 250173528002004, 250173528002002,
120 250173528001002, 250173527002007, 250173527002006, 250173527002005,
121 250173527002004 and 250173527002003, which shall be included within the Fifth
122 Congressional District.

123 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
124 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
125 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the election

126 commission of the city of Fall River shall create sub-precinct B1 of ward 5 including census
127 blocks 250056412002006, 250056412002007, 250056412002010, 250056412002011,
128 250056412002051, 250056413002015, 250056413004003, 250056413004004 and
129 250056413004005, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

130 Notwithstanding 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 election commission of the
133 city of Fall River shall create sub-precinct C1 of ward 6 including census block
134 250056417002021, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

135 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
136 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
137 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
138 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Palmer shall create sub-precinct 1A including
139 census blocks 250138101001018, 250138101001019, 250138102001001, 250138102003000,
140 250138102003001, 250138102003002, 250138102003003, 250138102003012,
141 250138102003013, 250138102003020, 250138102003021, 250138102003022,
142 250138102003023 and 250138102003024, which shall be included within the Second
143 Congressional District.

144 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
145 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
146 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
147 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Raynham shall create sub-precinct 2A including

148 census blocks 250056121001016, 250056121001020, 250056121001021, 250056121001022,
149 250056121001023, 250056121001024, 250056121001025, 250056121001026,
150 250056121001027, 250056121001032, 250056121002028, 250056121002029 and
151 250056121002031; and sub-precinct 1A including census blocks 250056122001018,
152 250056122001020, 250056122001021, 250056122001022, 250056122001024 and
153 250056122002001, which shall be included within the Fourth Congressional District.

154 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
155 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
156 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
157 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Sudbury shall create sub-precinct 1A including
158 census blocks 250173651002006, 250173651002007, 250173651002010, 250173651003005,
159 250173651003007, 250173651003009, 250173651003011, 250173651003012,
160 250173651003013, 250173651003014, 250173651003015 and 250173651003016, which shall
161 be included within the Fifth Congressional District.

162 SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose
163 of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States and delegates and alternate
164 delegates to the national conventions of political parties as provided in section 1, the board of
165 selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Winchendon shall create sub-precinct 1A including
166 census blocks 250277011001021, 250277011001022, 250277011001023, 250277011002014,
167 250277011003008, 250277011003019, 250277011003020, 250277011003021,
168 250277011005000, 250277011005001, 250277011005005, 250277011006000,
169 250277011006001, 250277011006002, 250277011006004, 250277011006006,
170 250277011006007, 250277011006008, 250277011006009, 250277011006010,

171 250277011006011, 250277011006012, 250277011006013, 250277011006014,
172 250277011006017, 250277011006018, 250277011006019, 250277011006020,
173 250277011006021, 250277011006022, 250277011006023, 250277011006024,
174 250277011006025, 250277011006026, 250277011006027, 250277011006028 and
175 250277022001000, which shall be included within the Third Congressional District.

176 SECTION 10. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of a civil action relative
177 to the establishment of congressional districts under section 1. A complaint in the action shall be
178 filed in the court within 10 days after the effective date of this act.

179 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, every city or
180 town which contains a voting precinct located in more than 1 congressional district shall divide
181 that precinct along the congressional district boundary into 2 sub-precincts. If the polling place
182 for a sub-precinct created under this act is located in the same building as for an existing
183 precinct, no additional election officers need be appointed for such sub-precinct.

184 SECTION 12. Any costs incurred by the cities or towns due to revisions of the new
185 congressional districts contained in this act shall be borne by the commonwealth.”.