

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1290**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Geoff Diehl***

*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 relative to naturalization proceedings.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1290) of Geoff Diehl, Ryan C. Fattman and Kevin J. Kuros relative to naturalization proceedings. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to naturalization proceedings.

*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 18 of chapter 220 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “may” and replacing it  
3 with the word “shall”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 18 of chapter 220 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “at such times as the court by general order  
6 may direct” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- to assist in naturalizing aliens  
7 resident within their respective judicial districts pursuant to section 15 of this chapter.