

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3897**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 10, 2014.

The committee on Election Laws to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 652) of Daniel B. Winslow and Peter J. Durant relative to the apportioning of electoral votes by Congressional district, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3897) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAMES M. MURPHY.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to the special election for representative in the general court in the fifth Suffolk district.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure timely special elections, 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state  
2 secretary may add or change any dates relating to functions appurtenant to the special primaries  
3 or the election for representative in the general court in the fifth Suffolk district, precepts having  
4 been issued by the speaker of the house of representatives for April 29, 2014, with a primary to  
5 be held on April 1, 2014, pursuant to section 141 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as the state  
6 secretary considers necessary for the orderly administration of the election by providing notice of  
7 the change with the rules and regulations division, by posting on the state secretary’s website and  
8 by whatever other means the state secretary considers appropriate. The last day and hour for  
9 candidates to submit nomination papers to local registrars of voters or election commissioners  
10 for the certification of signatures shall be 5:00 P.M. on February 24, 2014 and the local election  
11 officials shall complete certification of nomination papers by 5:00 P.M. on February 25, 2014.  
12 The last day and hour for filing nomination papers, including written acceptance, receipt from  
13 the state ethics commission and certificate of voter registration or party enrollment with the state  
14 secretary, shall be 5:00 P.M. on February 26, 2014.

15           SECTION 2. Sections 1 of this act are hereby repealed.

16           SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on April 30, 2014.