

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 601**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John D. Keenan***

*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 reimbursement for municipalities for costs incurred in conducting special elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Keenan of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 601) of John D. Keenan and others for legislation to reimburse municipalities for special election costs. Election Laws.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to reimbursement for municipalities for costs incurred in conducting special elections.

*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 147 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new sentence:  
3 Provided, however, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, cities and  
4 towns shall be reimbursed for their costs conducting special elections, called to fill vacancies in  
5 offices under this chapter, after certification of said cost by the state auditor.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage