

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel B. Winslow

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 increasing ballot access by reducing the number of nomination petition signatures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>

HOUSE No.

By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel B. Winslow relative to reducing the number of signatures required on nomination papers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act increasing ballot access by reducing the number of nomination petition signatures.

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. (a) Section 6 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word "ten" and inserting in
3 place thereof the following word:- "five".

4 (b) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 6
5 and 7, the words "five thousand" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "two
6 thousand five hundred".

7 (c) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7,
8 the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "one".

9 (d) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8,
10 the words "three hundred" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "one hundred and
11 fifty".

12 (e) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8,
13 the words "one hundred and fifty" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "seventy-
14 five".

15 (f) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 10
16 and 11, the words "one thousand" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "five
17 hundred".

18 (g) Said section 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 13,
19 the words "five hundred" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "two hundred and
20 fifty".

21 SECTION 2. (a) Section 44 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "ten" and inserting in
23 place thereof the following word:- "five".

24 (b) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 6,
25 the words "five thousand" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "two thousand
26 five hundred".

27 (c) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8,
28 the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "one".

29 (d) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 10
30 and 11, the words "one thousand" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "five
31 hundred".

32 (e) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 14,
33 the words "five hundred" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "two hundred and
34 fifty".

35 (f) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 15,
36 the words "three hundred" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "one hundred and
37 fifty".

38 (g) Said section 44, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 16,
39 the words "one hundred and fifty" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "seventy-
40 five".