

SENATE No. 337

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 providing for the reimbursement of expenditures related to special elections to fill vacancies in the state’s congressional delegation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Karen E. Spilka

Second Middlesex and Norfolk

Tom Sannicandro

7th Middlesex

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 337) of Karen E. Spilka and Tom Sannicandro for legislation relative to the reimbursement of expenditures related to special elections to fill vacancies in the state’s congressional delegation. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing for the reimbursement of expenditures related to special elections to fill vacancies in the state’s congressional delegation.

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 140 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the section the following
3 paragraph:-

4 (g) The costs for holding special elections called for the purposes of filling a vacancy for
5 the office of senator or representative to the United States Congress may be reimbursed by the
6 state treasurer out of the special fund created in Section 10A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.
7 The city or town clerk shall certify to the state treasurer the total actual costs of holding such
8 special election, and such city or town shall be reimbursed up to one hundred percent of the net
9 costs thereof from said fund without further appropriation; provided, however, that the state
10 treasurer shall not authorize any expenditure which would cause said fund to be in deficit. “Net
11 costs” for purposes of this section shall mean the total actual costs as certified by the city or town
12 clerks less any other reimbursements available to such city or town.