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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

## David T. Vieira and Russell E. Holmes

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for a "Special Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training" to study and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) system.

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	1/16/2015
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	2/2/2015
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk	8/2/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/4/2015
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	2/4/2015
Viriato M. deMacedo	Plymouth and Barnstable	2/4/2015
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth	2/4/2015
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk	2/4/2015
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/4/2015
Ryan C. Fattman	Worcester and Norfolk	2/4/2015
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	2/4/2015
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	2/4/2015
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	2/4/2015
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex	2/4/2015
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	2/4/2015

Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	2/4/2015
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	2/4/2015
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	2/4/2015
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	2/4/2015
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	28th Middlesex	2/4/2015
Mathew Muratore	1st Plymouth	2/4/2015
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol	2/4/2015
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	2/4/2015
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	2/4/2015
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	2/4/2015
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk	2/4/2015
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	2/4/2015
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	2/4/2015
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	2/4/2015
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	2/4/2015
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	2/4/2015
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	2/4/2015

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By Messrs. Vieira of Falmouth and Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2192) of David T. Vieira, Russell E. Holmes and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to police officer standards and training. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

Resolve providing for a "Special Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training" to study and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) system.

1	Resolved, Whereas, the Special Commission on Massachusetts Police Training
2	established under Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2008 and the Special Commission on Sheriffs
3	established under Section 22 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2009 both recommended
4	Massachusetts establish a statewide Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) system for
5	overseeing law enforcement training in the Commonwealth;
6	Therefore be it resolved,
7	SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission entitled the "Special Commission on
8	Peace Officer Standards and Training" to study and make recommendations concerning the
9	implementation of a Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) system.
10	SECTION 2. The special commission shall consist of 25 members:

11	4 members of the general court, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the
12	house, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader, 1 of whom shall be appointed
13	by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader;
14	the chairman of the house committee on ways and means, or the chairman's designee;
15	the chairman of the senate committee on ways and means, or the chairman's designee;
16	the attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
17	the secretary of the executive office of public safety & security, or the secretary's
18	designee;
19	the commissioner of the department of corrections, or the commissioner's designee;
20	the superintendent of the Massachusetts state police, or the superintendent's designee;
21	the FBI special agent in charge - Boston, or the agent's designee;
22	a representative of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association;
23	a representative of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association;
24	a representative of the Massachusetts Environmental Police;
25	a representative of the Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement
26	Administrators;
27	a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee;
28	a representative of the Massachusetts District Attorney's Association;

29	a representative of the Massachusetts Police Association;
30	a representative of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police;
31	a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Police Coalition;
32	a representative of the New England Police Benevolent Association;
33	a representative of the Massachusetts Fraternal Order of Police;
34	a representative of the State Police Association of Massachusetts;
35	a representative of the Massachusetts Harbormasters Association;
36	and a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.
37	The speaker of the house and the senate president shall determine which 2 members of
38	the special commission shall serve as co-chairmen.
39	SECTION 3. The special commission shall study and recommend the structure of a
40	commission, council or board on peace officer standards and training with adequate authority to
41	set standards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct and retention of law enforcement officers,
42	through certification, licensing, or an equivalent methodology. The special commission shall
43	review the "Model Minimum State Standards for POST Administration" developed by the
44	International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST)
45	and the July 2010 report of the special commission on Massachusetts police training in the
46	course of their study. The special commission shall also investigate various funding mechanisms
47	for the implementation of a POST system and recommend in their final report and supporting
48	legislation a dedicated funding mechanism, develop a timeline and process for implementing a

49 POST system. The special commission may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and
50 the public. The special commission shall review and identify best practices learned from similar
51 efforts in other states.

52 SECTION 4. The special commission shall not develop specific standards, training 53 requirements, certification requirements, or other detailed proposals that would normally be 54 considered the authority of a state commission, council or board on peace officer standards and 55 training; rather the special commission will focus on proposing how to implement such a 56 structure in the commonwealth.

57 SECTION 5. Members of the special commission shall be named and the special 58 commission shall commence its work within 60 days of the effective date of this resolve. The 59 special commission shall report to the general court the results of its study, and together with 60 draft legislation necessary to implement Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) in the 61 commonwealth by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives 62 and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, 63 365 days after the effective date of this resolve.

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