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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Robert M. Koczera***

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*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 the selection of Lieutenant Governor.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2015</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/29/2019</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of Robert M. Koczera, James J. Dwyer and Jay R. Kaufman relative to the selection of a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. Election Laws.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to the selection of Lieutenant Governor.

*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 43A of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word “election” the  
3   following words:- and primary.

4           SECTION 2. Said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after  
5   section 6 the following section:-

6           Section 6A. Candidates for governor qualified as a candidate in the state election shall  
7   designate a nominee for lieutenant governor within 7 days of nomination for the election by  
8   completing and filing a form proscribed by the state secretary. In the event of death, withdrawal  
9   or ineligibility of a lieutenant governor nominee so designated shall be replaced with the  
10   designation of a new lieutenant governor nominee no later than 7 days after the vacancy by  
11   notifying the state secretary in writing. In the event of death, withdrawal or ineligibility of a

- 12 lieutenant governor-elect, the governor-elect shall designate within 7 days a lieutenant governor-
- 13 elect by notifying the state secretary in writing.