

SENATE No. 2205

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 a regional veterans' services district in Essex County.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>3/28/2016</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/29/2016</i>

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2205) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, James M. Kelcourse and Leonard Mirra for legislation relative to a regional veterans' services district in Essex County. Veterans and Federal Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to a regional veterans' services district in Essex County.

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. The cities of Newburyport and Amesbury and the towns of Merrimac and
2 Salisbury, or any two or more of them, may establish a regional veterans' services district under
3 the provisions of section 10 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, notwithstanding that said
4 section 10 limits participation in such a district to adjacent municipalities and only one city per
5 district. Such district shall, other than as set forth herein, comply with the provisions of said
6 section 10 and shall be known as the Hines/Shay Veterans' District.

7 SECTION 2. Said district may continue so long as the combined population of the cities
8 of Newburyport and Amesbury shall not, by reference to the most recent US Census data, exceed
9 50,000. In any year in which the combined population of the cities of Newburyport and
10 Amesbury is determined, by reference to the most recent US Census data, to exceed 50,000, the
11 members of said district shall convene a district meeting. The purpose of such district meeting
12 shall be to address a method of reforming the district in compliance with the population

13 requirements of this Act and to establish a reasonable time frame in which to accomplish the
14 transition necessary to such reformation without sacrificing services to the veterans for each
15 community involved in such transition.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.