

SENATE No. 729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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 parole eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William N. Brownsberger

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 729) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to parole eligibility. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to parole eligibility.

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 129D of Chapter 127, as it appears in the 2012 Edition of the
2 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking “5” in line 14 and inserting in place thereof “10”;
3 and by striking “10” wherever it appears and inserting in place thereof “20”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 128 of Chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
5 the following sentence:-

6 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the parole eligibility date for
7 house of correction inmates shall be 1/3 of the total aggregate term of incarceration or two years,
8 whichever is shorter.

9 SECTION 3. The parole board shall update its existing regulations and promulgate any
10 new regulations necessary in accordance with this act.