

SENATE No. 867

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 amending the statute of limitations in civil rights actions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 867) of Joan B. Lovely, Michael O. Moore, Kathleen O'Connor Ives and Chris Walsh for legislation to amend the statute of limitations in civil rights actions. The Judiciary.

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

An Act amending the statute of limitations in civil rights actions.

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. Chapter 260 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 5B, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section: -

3 §5B. Civil rights actions

4 Actions arising on account of violations of any law intended for the protection of civil
5 rights, including but not limited to actions alleging employment, housing and other
6 discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, ancestry or handicap
7 shall be commenced only within three years next after the cause of action accrues, except that an
8 action commenced under 42 U.S.C. §1681-1686, Title IX, for sexual assault, or sexual abuse, as
9 that term is defined in G.L. c. 260, section 4C, shall be governed by the provisions of G.L. c.
10 260, section 4C½.