

HOUSE No. 2096

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran

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 reprecincting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael J. Moran

18th Suffolk

Jonathan Hecht

29th Middlesex

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2096) of Michael J. Moran and Jonathan Hecht relative to reprecincting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3233 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to reprecincting.

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 9A of chapter 9 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The commission shall deliver to the senate president and speaker of the the house of
4 representatives within 7 days following the approval of all municipal wards and precincts as
5 required by chapter 54 an electronic geographic information system shapefile or equivalent
6 containing every city and town ward and precinct within the boundaries of the approved
7 congressional, councillor, senatorial, and representative districts and an ASCII compatible file
8 containing a written description of all changes in the municipality, ward, precinct, and county
9 description of each approved congressional, councillor, senatorial, and representative districts.

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “In the year 2001, and
12 every tenth year thereafter, no later than June fifteenth” and inserting in place thereof the words:-
13 No later than 30 days after the final approval by the Governor of the enacted decennial
14 apportionment of congressional, councillor, senatorial and representative districts.

15 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph.

17 SECTION 4. Section 2 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out, in lines 13 and 14, the words “on the thirty-first day of December” and inserting in
19 place thereof the words:- 14 days prior to the state primary preceding the next biennial election.

20 SECTION 5. Section 2 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
21 striking out the second paragraph.

22 SECTION 6. Section 6 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
23 striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “In the year 2001, and every tenth year thereafter, no
24 later than June fifteenth” and inserting in place thereof the words:- No later than 30 days after the
25 final approval by the governor of the enacted decennial apportionment of congressional,
26 councillor, senatorial and representative districts.

27 SECTION 7. Said section 6 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further
28 amended by striking out the sixth paragraph.

29 SECTION 8. Section 9 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
30 inserting after the word “precincts;”, in line 2, the following:- provided that such precinct is in a

31 town the territory of which in such formation is not included in 2 or more congressional,
32 representative, senatorial or councillor districts.

33 SECTION 9. Section 9A of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
34 striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

35 Any precinct established or remaining unchanged following the formation of
36 congressional, councillor, senatorial and representative districts based on the decennial federal
37 census shall remain unchanged, and, if such precinct is in a town the territory of which in such
38 formation is included in 2 or more congressional, representative or senatorial districts, shall
39 remain unchanged for the purpose of electing such officers until the next division following the
40 formation of congressional, councillor, senatorial and representative districts after the next
41 decennial federal census.