

HOUSE No. 378

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert M. Koczera

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 378) of Robert M. Koczera, Jay R. Kaufman and William M. Straus relative to the selection of a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 578 OF 2015-2016.]

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

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.