

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 770**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Geoff Diehl***

*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 naturalization proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 770) of Geoff Diehl, David F. DeCoste and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to naturalization proceedings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1259 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to naturalization proceedings.

*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 18 of chapter 220 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “may” and replacing it  
3 with the word “shall”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 18 of chapter 220 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “at such times as the court by general order  
6 may direct” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- to assist in naturalizing aliens  
7 resident within their respective judicial districts pursuant to section 15 of this chapter.