

HOUSE No. 770

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>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2017</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.

[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)**

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.