

HOUSE No. 647

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 how Electoral College votes are delegated.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to how Electoral College votes are delegated.

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 8 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after "electors," in line 15, the following
3 sentence:-

4 One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two
5 presidential electors shall be chosen at-large.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 striking out section 148, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

8 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on
9 the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and

10 organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the
11 meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen.
12 The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the
13 office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential
14 elector shall cast their ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors
15 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector
16 shall cast their ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received
17 the highest number of votes in their congressional district.