

HOUSE No. 1292

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1292) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to low and moderate income housing qualifications and recertification. Housing.

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

An Act establishing an affordable housing qualification commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there is hereby established a
2 special commission and study on low and moderate income housing qualifications and
3 recertification, which shall investigate and document the levels and impacts of recertification
4 management and practices within local housing authorities, and develop a strategy and
5 recommendations to reduce, minimize or eliminate recertification fraud. The commission shall
6 review the policies that underlay existing publicly financed and funded housing development
7 programs and practices of low income and moderate income housing recertification in the
8 commonwealth. The commission shall consist of the secretary of housing and economic
9 development or a designee, 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of
10 the house of representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1
11 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of
12 representatives; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members

13 appointed by the governor; 1 of whom shall be a commissioner of a local housing authority and 1
14 of whom shall be an individual with expertise in low income and moderate income housing. The
15 executive office of housing and economic development and its subdivisions shall provide
16 technical support to the commission. The commission shall file its report, together with
17 recommendations for charges to improve recertification management with clerks of the house
18 and senate, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on housing and the joint chairs,
19 and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on municipalities and regional
20 government.