

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1676**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam G. Hinds*

*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 addressing challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1676) of Adam G. Hinds, Natalie M. Blais and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to address challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act addressing challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department  
2 of revenue shall use the 68-volume Harbor and Lands Commission Town Boundary Atlas, as  
3 maintained by the highway division of the department of transportation, for purposes of  
4 accurately determining city and town boundaries in the Commonwealth in establishing,  
5 developing, assessing and reporting on state and local taxes and revenue collections.

6           SECTION 2. Within one year of the passage of this act, the department shall no longer  
7 use United States postal zip codes as a primary source for determining city and town boundaries,  
8 provided further, pursuant to Section 1, the department shall assess, report and update records  
9 pertaining to mailing addresses and shall make available said information to cities, towns, and  
10 appropriate offices, departments and agencies of the Commonwealth.