

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 799**

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**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 relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

*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 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “electors”, in line 16, the following  
3 sentence:- One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two  
4 presidential electors shall be chosen at-large.

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

7 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on  
8 the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o’clock in the afternoon and  
9 organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the  
10 meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen.  
11 The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the  
12 office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential

13 elector shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors  
14 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector  
15 shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received  
16 the highest number of votes in his congressional district.