

HOUSE No. 3198

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to identify a suitable location for a justice complex in Southern Middlesex County.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3198) of Marc T. Lombardo for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to identify a suitable location for a justice complex in Southern Middlesex County. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

Resolve establishing a special commission to identify a suitable location for a justice complex in Southern Middlesex County.

1 **Resolved**, That a special commission is hereby established to make an investigation and
2 study relative to identify and evaluate potential sites suitable for the location of a replacement
3 justice complex that includes a jail facility in Southern Middlesex County, consistent with
4 chapter 304 of the acts of 2008. The commission shall evaluate whether such sites are
5 appropriate to adjoin facilities to house related criminal justice functions, including courts, pre-
6 arraignment lock-up facilities, a female lock-up facility as described in the following paragraph
7 and special population facilities. The commission shall analyze the current inmate and detainee
8 populations in the county and make recommendations on the appropriate scale of any new
9 facility based upon that analysis and make recommendations on whether the future inmate and
10 pretrial detainee population within the county may be reduced. In making its recommendations,
11 the commission shall analyze the NIC Technical Assessment of the Middlesex County pretrial
12 population performed in 2014.

13 The special commission shall also identify and evaluate potential sites in Southern
14 Middlesex County suitable for the placement of a correctional facility to house female pretrial
15 detainees and female offenders sentenced to incarceration in the house of correction for 2½ years
16 or less. The commission shall document the needs of the communities in the vicinity of such
17 sites and of the individuals in those communities, and make recommendations relative to the
18 most efficient and effective investment of public resources to meet all of those needs.

19 The commission shall include the following officers or their designees: the secretary of
20 public safety and security, who shall chair the commission; the secretary of administration and
21 finance; the Middlesex sheriff; the administrative office of the trial court; the Middlesex superior
22 court clerk; the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance; the Middlesex
23 district attorney; chief counsel of the committee for public counsel services; 1 member of the
24 senate appointed by the president; and 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the
25 speaker. Members not otherwise subject to chapter 268A of the General Laws by virtue of their
26 public positions shall not be considered to be special state employees for purposes of said
27 chapter 268A on account of their service on the commission.

28 The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the
29 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than August 1, 2021.