

SENATE No. 2083

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 to establish the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> | |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2083) of Joan B. Lovely and Kay Khan for legislation to establish the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1880 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act to establish the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day.

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. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 15IIIIII the following section:-

3 Section 15JJJJJ. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the third
4 Saturday in July as Negro Election Day in commemoration of the adoption of the first black
5 voting system of 1740 and recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the
6 people.