

SENATE No. 2000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul R. Feeney

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2000) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1030 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement.

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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “October,” in line 100, the
3 following words:- John F. Kennedy Day.

4 SECTION 2. Section 15L of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by inserting after the word “November”, in line 2, the following words:- in all odd-
6 numbered years and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in all even-numbered
7 years.

8 SECTION 3. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

9 Section 222. There shall be a commission on the celebration of John F. Kennedy Day.
10 The commission shall consist of: 2 persons to be appointed by the governor; 2 persons to be
11 appointed by the state secretary, 1 of whom shall be designated to serve as chair; 1 person to be
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the
13 minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the president of the
14 senate; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 person to be appointed by
15 the executive director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; 1 person to be appointed by
16 the president of the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation, Inc.; and 1 person to be
17 appointed by the president of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

18 The commission shall recommend activities that promote civic engagement and
19 voter participation including, but not limited to: (i) establishing a Kindergarten to grade 12,
20 inclusive, education curriculum; (ii) hosting special events; (iii) marketing, which shall include
21 the publication and distribution of materials and online content; (iv) voter engagement activities;
22 (v) voter registration drives; and (vi) voter access. The commission shall meet not less than
23 semiannually. The commission shall issue an annual report to the clerks of the senate and house
24 of representatives not later than December 31.