

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4108**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Donaghue***

*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 death of a candidate running for public office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4108) of Kate Donaghue relative to the death of candidates running for public office. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to the death of a candidate running for public office.

*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 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, the word “compromising” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following word:- comprising.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 53 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 14 the  
5 following section:-

6 Section 14A. If a candidate for the office of state representative or the office of state  
7 senator of the general court dies after the primary election and the vacancy has not been filled  
8 pursuant to section 14 and the candidate receives the most votes in the general election then it  
9 shall be a failure to elect and an election shall be held to fill the vacancy pursuant to section 147  
10 of chapter 54.