

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr., (BY REQUEST)

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 improve the election of certain court clerks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Walsh</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>

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

An Act to improve the election of certain court clerks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 Section 3. There shall be a clerk for the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk,
4 a clerk for the appeals court for the county of Suffolk, and two clerks for the superior court of
5 said county, one for civil and one for criminal business; and in each of the other counties a clerk
6 of the courts who shall act as clerk of the supreme judicial court, of the superior court and of the
7 county commissioners. The clerk for the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk, and the
8 clerk for the appeals court for the county of Suffolk, shall be elected by all of the voters
9 statewide. All of said officers shall hold office for six years beginning with the first Wednesday
10 of January following their election and until their successors are qualified.