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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

*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 in furtherance of the Citizens Commission concerning a Constitutional Amendment to secure government of the people.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>

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

An Act in furtherance of the Citizens Commission concerning a Constitutional Amendment to secure government of the people.

*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. Subsection c. of section 1 of chapter 322 of the acts of 2018 is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following sentence:- The Citizens Commission shall continue to exist  
3 and perform the responsibilities required in this section until December 31, 2028.

4 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 322 is hereby amended by adding the following  
5 subsection:-

6 j) If a vacancy occurs on the Citizens Commission, the chair or co-chairs of the Citizens  
7 Commission shall give notice of such vacancy to the appropriate appointing authority and the  
8 appointing authority shall, not more than 30 days after receiving notice of the vacancy, appoint:

9 (i) a person who previously duly applied to serve on the Citizens Commission pursuant to the  
10 process described in this act; or (ii) a person who files an application pursuant to this act;

11 provided, however, that notice of such vacancy shall be posted by the appointing authority not

- 12 later than 7 days after the appointing authority receives notice of the vacancy; provided further,
- 13 that the appointee's application shall be publicly posted prior to the appointment.”.