

SENATE No. 2163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (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 resolve:

Resolve regarding revitalizing the right of free petition.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Dixon

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2163) of Vincent Dixon, that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the revitalization of the right of free petition. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2022 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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1 **Resolved**, 1.) A Resolution regarding informing the population of Massachusetts about
2 the use of the Right Of Free Petition; the use of Bills, Resolves, Resolutions, and Proposals for
3 Constitutional Amendments.

4 2.) It being the proper business of the persons of Massachusetts, to be able to intersect
5 with their government, therefore The Right Of Free Petition, should be revitalized, by a series of
6 steps considered by The Great And General Court, and its two legislative chambers.

7 3.) This legislation requests and describes creation of a Special Committee and/or
8 Commission of members of the House, and Senate, to consider how to publicize, educate, and
9 disseminate information to the general population of Massachusetts, regarding the availability,

and processes for filing proposed legislative actions under the Right Of Free Petition: Bills, Resolves, Resolutions, and Proposals for Constitutional Amendments.

4.) The Special Committee and/or Commission shall hold, well-publicized hearings, at both the State House, and in at least four other geographically disparate areas of The Commonwealth, to collect public comment regarding actions to be taken.

5.) A suitable generally available publication shall be created, and disseminated by the Secretary of The Commonwealth, to provide general information as to how this right can be readily exercised. – It is the intent of this measure, that more individuals may bring forward, ideas, thoughts, and useful mechanisms, for the benefit of government, and our society.

6.) This body shall be a membership appointed by the Speaker Of The House, President Of The Senate, and shall have representation of all legally recognized, ballot status, political parties, including Unenrolled (non-party, ‘Independents’) from each body. Membership shall be appointed within three (3) months of passage.

7.) This body shall have a lifespan of eighteen (18) months from the appointment of its members.