

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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:

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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.”.