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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger*, (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 regarding change of venue under Chapter 209A.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Dwight Doane	*9 Agassiz Ave.* *Belmont, MA 02478*

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By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1280) of Dwight Doane relative to changes of venue in abuse prevention cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding change of venue under Chapter 209A.

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 209A of the General Laws is amended in Section 2, Venue, by adding the
2 following new paragraph:

3 A defendant in an action under this section who has a case in family and probate court
4 shall have the right to a change of venue to the district court of the marital residence for a jury
5 trial.