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HOUSE . . . . . No. 596

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*
Donald Humason	
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 596) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2732* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the voting procedures for presidential electors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after "electors,", in line 15, the following sentence:-

One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two presidential electors shall be chosen at-large.

SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 148, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen. The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential elector shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector shall cast his ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest number of votes in his congressional district.