

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 659**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Poirier
Mary S. Rogeness	Karyn E. Polito
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Susan Williams Gifford
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after “electors”, in line 15, the following sentence:—  
4 “One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional  
5 district, and two presidential electors shall be chosen at large.”

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out section 148 and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following section:—  
4 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall  
5 meet at the state house on the date fixed by federal law next  
6 following their election at three o’clock in the afternoon and orga-  
7 nize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state sec-  
8 retary shall call the meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and  
9 preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen. The secretary of the  
10 electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the

11 same in the office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded  
12 and filed. Each at-large presidential elector shall cast his ballot for  
13 the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors  
14 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional  
15 district presidential elector shall cast his ballot for the presidential  
16 and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received the highest  
17 number of votes in his congressional district.