

By Mr. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Kevin Poirier and another for legislation to provide for the election of county commissioners. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

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 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 158, as most recently amended by section 5 of chapter
3 31 of the acts of 1939 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 Section 158. There shall be chosen by the voters of each of the
6 counties, except Suffolk, Dukes and Nantucket, at the biennial
7 state election in nineteen hundred and eighty-two, one county
8 commissioner for each county and at the biennial state election
9 in nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and in every fourth year
10 thereafter, three county commissioners for each county.

11 For the purpose of choosing county commissioners commencing
12 with the biennial state election in nineteen hundred and eighty-
13 four for each county, except Suffolk, Dukes and Nantucket, the
14 cities and towns of the counties are divided into districts. One
15 county commissioner shall be chosen from each district by the
16 voters of such District. The districts are as follows:

17 Barnstable — District 1 — Consisting of the towns of Brewster,
18 Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, Provincetown,
19 Truro and Wellfleet.

20 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Barnstable and
21 Yarmouth.

22 District 3 — Consisting of the towns of Bourne, Falmouth,
23 Mashpee and Sandwich.

24 Berkshire — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Pittsfield.

25 District 2 — Consisting of the city of North Adams and the
26 towns of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanes-
27 borough, New Ashford, Savoy, Williamstown and Windsor.

28 District 3 — Consisting of the towns of Alford, Becket, Dalton,
29 Egremont, Great Barrington, Hinsdale, Lee, Lenox, Monterey,
30 Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Peru, Richmond,
31 Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington and
32 West Stockbridge.

33 Bristol — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Fall River and
34 the towns of Acushnet, Berkley, Dighton, Freetown, Somerset
35 and Swansea.

36 District 2 — Consisting of the city of New Bedford and the
37 towns of Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Westport.

38 District 3 — Consisting of the cities of Attleboro and Taunton
39 and the towns of Easton, Mansfield, North Attleborough, Norton,
40 Raynham, Rehoboth and Seekonk.

41 Essex — District 1 — Consisting of the cities of Lynn and Salem
42 and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and
43 Swampscott.

44 District 2 — Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Gloucester and
45 Peabody and the towns of Andover, Danvers, Essex, Hamilton,
46 Ipswich, Manchester, Middleton, North Andover, Rockport,
47 Rowley, Topsfield and Wenham.

48 District 3 — Consisting of the cities of Haverhill, Lawrence and
49 Newburyport and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown,
50 Groveland, Merrimac, Methuen, Newbury, Salisbury, and West
51 Newbury.

52 Franklin — District 1 — Consisting of the towns of Greenfield
53 and Shelburne.

54 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Leverett, Montague,
55 New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Warwick and
56 Wendell.

57 District 3 — Consisting of the towns of Ashfield, Bernardston,
58 Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill,
59 Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe, Sunderland and
60 Whately.

61 Hampden — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Springfield.

62 District 2 — Consisting of the city of Chicopee and the towns
63 of Brimfield, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Holland, Longmea-

64 dow, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Wales and Wilbraham.

65 District 3 — Consisting of the cities of Holyoke and Westfield
66 and the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville,
67 Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland and West Springfield.

68 Hampshire — District 1 — Consisting of the towns of Amherst,
69 Belchertown, Granby, Pelham and Ware.

70 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Easthampton, Hadley,
71 Hatfield and South Hadley.

72 District 3 — Consisting of the city of Northampton and the
73 towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington,
74 Middlefield, Plainfield, Southampton, Westhampton, Williams-
75 burg and Worthington.

76 Middlesex — District 1 — Consisting of the cities of Lowell
77 and Woburn and the towns of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Bedford,
78 Billerica, Boxborough, Burlington, Carlisle, Chelmsford,
79 Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lexington, Lincoln,
80 Littleton, North Reading, Pepperell, Reading, Shirley,
81 Tewksbury, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Westford and
82 Wilmington.

83 District 2 — Consisting of the cities of Marlborough, Newton
84 and Waltham and the towns of Ashland, Belmont, Framingham,
85 Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Maynard, Natick, Sherborn,
86 Stow, Sudbury, Watertown, Wayland and Weston.

87 District 3 — Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, Everett,
88 Malden, Medford, Melrose, Somerville, and the towns of
89 Arlington, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winchester.

90 Norfolk — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Quincy and
91 the towns of Braintree, Cohasset, Holbrook and Weymouth.

92 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Brookline, Dedham,
93 Dover, Medfield, Millis, Needham, Norwood, Wellesley and
94 Westwood.

95 District 3 — Consisting of the towns of Avon, Bellingham,
96 Canton, Foxborough, Franklin, Milton, Medway, Norfolk,
97 Plainville, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole and
98 Wrentham.

99 Plymouth — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Brockton,
100 and the towns of Abington and Rockland.

101 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Duxbury, Hanover,
102 Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke,
103 Scituate and Whitman.

104 District 3 — Consisting of the towns of Bridgewater, Carver,
105 East Bridgewater, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion,
106 Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester,
107 Wareham, and West Bridgewater.

108 Worcester — District 1 — Consisting of the city of Worcester
109 and the towns of Boylston, Holden, Millbury, Sterling and West
110 Boylston.

111 District 2 — Consisting of the towns of Auburn, Berlin,
112 Blackstone, Bolton, Charlton, Clinton, Douglas, Dudley,
113 Grafton, Harvard, Hopedale, Lancaster, Mendon, Milford,
114 Millville, Northboro, Northbridge, Oxford, Shrewsbury,
115 Southboro, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Webster, and Westboro.

116 District 3 — Consisting of the cities of Fitchburg, Gardner and
117 Leominster, and the towns of Ashburnham, Athol, Barre,
118 Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Leicester,
119 Lunenburg, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Paxton,
120 Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Rutland,
121 Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Templeton, Warren, West
122 Brookfield, Westminster and Winchendon.

123 There shall be chosen by the voters of the county of Dukes
124 County at the biennial state election in nineteen hundred and
125 forty, and every fourth year thereafter, two county commissioners
126 for said county, and at the biennial state election in nineteen
127 hundred and forty-two, and in every fourth year thereafter, one
128 county commissioner as may be required to be chosen under
129 section one hundred and forty-four to fill vacancies. Not more
130 than one of the county commissioners shall be chosen from the
131 same town. If two persons residing in the same town shall appear
132 to have been chosen to said offices, only the person receiving the
133 larger number of votes shall be declared elected; but if they shall
134 receive an equal number of votes, no person shall be declared
135 elected. If a person residing in a town where a county
136 commissioner who is to remain in office also resides, shall appear
137 to have been chosen, he shall not be declared elected. If the person
138 is not declared elected by reason of the above provisions, the
139 person receiving the next highest number of votes for the office,
140 and who resides in another city or town, shall be declared elected.