

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4046**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marcos A. Devers*

*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 making Presidential election days and midterm election days legal holidays.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>

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By Mr. Devers of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcos A. Devers for legislation to make Presidential election and midterm election days legal holidays. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act making Presidential election days and midterm election days legal holidays.

*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: Clause Eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “October,”  
3 in line 100, the following words:- “the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in  
4 even-numbered years”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 12 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by inserting after the word “Sunday”, in line 5, the following words:- ; and provided  
7 further, that all state and local election offices shall be open for business and appropriately  
8 staffed on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

9 SECTION 3. Section 13 of said chapter 136, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 inserting after the word “noon”, in line 6, the following words:- the first Tuesday following the  
11 first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

12           SECTION 4. Any employer seeking a holiday exemption for the first Tuesday following  
13 the first Monday in November in even-numbered years shall comply with section 178 of chapter  
14 149 of the General Laws.

15           SECTION 5. A state or local election worker, officer or person appointed by such officer  
16 pursuant to chapter 54 of the General Laws shall receive a floating holiday in place of the first  
17 Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even numbered years.