

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 647**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 how Electoral College votes are delegated.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to how Electoral College votes are delegated.

*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 appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after "electors," in line 15, the following  
3 sentence:-

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

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

8 Section 148. The persons chosen as presidential electors shall meet at the state house on  
9 the date fixed by federal law next following their election at three o'clock in the afternoon and

10 organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary. The state secretary shall call the  
11 meeting to order, call the roll of electors, and preside until a presiding officer shall be chosen.  
12 The secretary of the electors shall keep a journal of their proceedings and deposit the same in the  
13 office of the state secretary, where it shall be recorded and filed. Each at-large presidential  
14 elector shall cast their ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors  
15 received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector  
16 shall cast their ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates whose electors received  
17 the highest number of votes in their congressional district.