

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**William Lantigua**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to the date for holding state primaries.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William Lantigua

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 39 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DATE FOR HOLDING STATE PRIMARIES.

*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 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
- 3 following sentence:—
- 4 State primaries shall be held on the first Tuesday in May and on the fourth Tuesday preceding
- 5 special state elections, except that primaries before special congressional elections shall be held
- 6 on the fifth Tuesday preceding said elections.