

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1879**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam G. Hinds*

*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 addressing challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1879) of Adam G. Hinds and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to address challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1676 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act addressing challenges of rural zip codes and state revenue calculations.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department  
2 of revenue shall use the 68-volume Harbor and Lands Commission Town Boundary Atlas, as  
3 maintained by the highway division of the department of transportation, for purposes of  
4 accurately determining city and town boundaries in the Commonwealth in establishing,  
5 developing, assessing and reporting on state and local taxes and revenue collections.

6           SECTION 2. Within one year of the passage of this act, the department shall no longer  
7 use United States postal zip codes as a primary source for determining city and town boundaries,  
8 provided further, pursuant to Section 1, the department shall assess, report and update records  
9 pertaining to mailing addresses and shall make available said information to cities, towns, and  
10 appropriate offices, departments and agencies of the Commonwealth.