

HOUSE No. 01120

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice K. Wolf

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 establishing permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Binienda</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>

Cory Atkins

14th Middlesex

Ruth B. Balsler

12th Middlesex

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By Ms. Alice K. Wolf of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01120) of Linda Dorcena Forry and others relative to address changes for registered voters in the central registry of voters by the Secretary of State . Joint Committee on Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act establishing permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the commonwealth.

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: After section 63 of chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws , the following
- 2 new section is added:
- 3 Section 64: Electronic updating of the annual register of voters and central voter registry by the
- 4 secretary of the commonwealth.
- 5 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the commonwealth
- 6 shall receive data from the Massachusetts registry of motor vehicles and the United States Postal
- 7 Service, in order to ascertain whether any persons, who otherwise already have a valid and
- 8 complete affidavit of voter registration, have changed their address within the commonwealth of
- 9 Massachusetts.

10 At least every three months, the secretary of the commonwealth shall seek information from the
11 registry of motor vehicles and the United States Postal Service. These agencies shall
12 electronically transmit to the secretary of the commonwealth information for persons who have
13 changed their address in the past year, including, where available:

14 (i) Name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, identification # (driver's license
15 number or last 4 digits of social security number), and telephone number; and

16 (ii) Date, time, and nature of the last change to the information;

17 (iii) Any additional information designated by the secretary of the commonwealth for such
18 purposes and reasonably related to the management of elections;

19 (iv) If information is sent because it has changed since the last transmission from the source
20 agency, the source agency shall transmit both the new information and the old information,
21 labeled accordingly.

22 If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the central registry of voters
23 as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more recent update to the
24 person's name or address, the secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that the person's
25 records in the central registry of voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate
26 municipal registrars to update the person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.

27 The secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that each voter whose address is changed in the
28 central registry of voters is promptly sent written notice of the change. Any notice required by
29 this section may be sent with other notices required or permitted by law.

30 SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect 1 year from the date of passage.