

HOUSE No. 02729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 state ballots .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Andrew Bergamini</i>	<i>78 Graniteville Road</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Westford, MA 01886</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2729) of Turner and Arciero for legislation to provide unenrolled voters with a unified ballot containing all candidates in state primary elections Joint Committee on Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to state ballots .

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: Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts general laws is hereby amended by adding the
- 2 following new subsection, Section 45A;
- 3 Section 45A. Any registered voter of the commonwealth who is not enrolled in a recognized
- 4 political party will have the right and opportunity to receive a unified ballot at all state primary
- 5 elections in which all candidates for party nomination are to be selected. This ballot shall
- 6 contain all the candidates for each office and their political affiliation listed in a group by each
- 7 office sought, in which the unenrolled voter may select from the various candidates regardless of
- 8 their political party affiliation. The registered voter may only vote for one candidate per office.
- 9 The secretary of the commonwealth shall establish the rules and regulations in regards to this
- 10 right.