

HOUSE No. 3350

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to qualifications of voters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 3350) of David M. Rogers and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the right to vote for certain incarcerated felons. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to qualifications of voters.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 Article III of the Amendments to the Constitution, as most recently amended by Article
2 CXX of the Amendments to the Constitution, is hereby further amended by inserting after the
3 word “conviction” the following words:- of indecent assault and battery on a child, attempt to
4 commit murder by poison, drowning or strangulation, murder, manslaughter or assault with
5 intent to commit rape, or for which the person may be punished by imprisonment in a state
6 prison for life.