

HOUSE No. 3407

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 to decrease waiting times at polling places.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Shawn Dooley

Chris Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

9th Norfolk

6th Middlesex

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3407) of Shawn Dooley and Chris Walsh for legislation to establish electronic scanning for voters to expedite the check-in and check-out procedures at polling places. Election Laws.

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

An Act to decrease waiting times at polling places.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 144. (a) The state secretary shall provide for a program to allow cities and towns
3 to implement a voter speed pass system in addition to the manual system currently used by cities
4 and towns. The purpose of the program shall be to reduce wait times for voters at polling places.
5 The program shall allow voter information to be electronically scanned in order to check-in and
6 check-out of the polling location.

7 (b) The program shall use software approved by the state secretary. The software shall
8 meet the highest security ratings available. The program shall utilize an electronic poll book, if
9 available to the city or town, to verify voter information. The verification shall be directly
10 uploaded back into the commonwealth’s voter registration information system, in addition to the
11 manual system that is currently in place.