

HOUSE No. 536

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian M. Ashe

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 relative to absentee ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 536) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to absentee ballots. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 558 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to absentee 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 Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 89 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 89A.

4 Records identifying any voter who has applied to vote by absentee ballot shall be kept
5 confidential and shall not be considered a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7
6 of chapter 4 until the ballot has been returned; provided, however, that election officials may use
7 these records in the proper discharge of their duties.