

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 557**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 ensuring election integrity through voter identification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*36th Middlesex*

*Leonard Mirra*

*2nd Essex*

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 557) of Colleen M. Garry and Leonard Mirra relative to the identification requirements for voters. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 586 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act ensuring election integrity through voter identification.

*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. Section 76 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in its entirety and replacing  
3 it with the following sentences:— “An election officer shall ask each voter desiring to vote at a  
4 polling place for his full name and current residence address and repeat the full name and address  
5 stated by the voter. The officer shall ask the voter to present any one of the following forms of  
6 identification: his Commonwealth of Massachusetts voter registration card, his social security  
7 card, his valid Massachusetts driver’s license, or any other identification card issued by a  
8 government agency by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States;  
9 or any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an  
10 employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer’s business.”

11           SECTION 2. Section 76B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the entire section and inserting the following  
13 section in place thereof:—“Section 76B. Any person desiring to vote who fails to present  
14 suitable identification shall not be permitted to vote.”