

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 558**

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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 regulating conduct at polling places.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Colleen M. Garry*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*36th Middlesex*

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 558) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate conduct at polling places. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 587 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 regulating conduct 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           SECTION 1. Section 65 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the first paragraph, the following  
3 paragraph:— No rule, regulation or provision of law shall prohibit a candidate on the current  
4 election ballot from greeting voters and soliciting votes within 150 feet of the entrance door to  
5 the building where a polling place is located, provided that he/she is not distributing campaign  
6 material nor obstructing voters entering the polls.