

HOUSE No. 581

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing online voter registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>

<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 581) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to establish online voter registration. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 298 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act establishing online voter registration.

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 33 of Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after Section 33 the following section:-
- 3 Section 33A. The state secretary will create and maintain an online portal allowing
- 4 citizens to complete an affidavit of registration online. Such registration will be transmitted by
- 5 the secretary to the appropriate local registrar. The online affidavit will use the registrants’
- 6 signature from the Registry of Motor Vehicles records; the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall
- 7 make appropriate provisions to facilitate the electronic transfer of the image of the signature to
- 8 the Central Voter Registry. If such signature cannot be found using the online affidavit of
- 9 registration form the applicant will be so informed and given the option to print the affidavit of
- 10 registration, append their signature, and mail it directly to the appropriate registrar of voters.
- 11 Nothing in this section shall be construed to change any registration deadline or qualification of
- 12 voting.
- 13 Section 2. Section 42H of Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 14 inserting after the word “delivery”, the following words:-, "and through the online portal."