

HOUSE No. 597

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 ensure voter access.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

HOUSE No. 597

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 597) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation prohibit non-essential constructions or improvements to public roadways on days of primary elections and general elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 629 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to ensure voter access.

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. Chapter 50 of the General Laws is hereby amended by interesting the
2 following section:-

3 Section X.

4 (a) As used in this section the following words shall have the following meanings:-

5 “non- essential,” not necessary to address an immediate threat to public safety

6 “State election” shall apply to any election at which a national, state, or county officer or
7 a regional district school committee member elected district-wide is to be chosen by the voters,
8 whether for a full term or for the filling of a vacancy.

9 (b) On the day of a state election and on the day of a primary to select a nominee for a
10 national, state, or county officer, any non-essential constructions or improvements to a public
11 roadway that in any way impede, interrupt, obstruct, delay, or reroute the normal flow of traffic
12 shall be prohibited.