

HOUSE No. 650

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 public information requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Shawn Dooley

9th Norfolk

Michael J. Soter

8th Worcester

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 650) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to the availability of voter lists. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 358 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to public information requests.

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 55 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Registrars shall provide to the state secretary a copy of each such voting list required by
4 this section; provided, however that the registration of a voter in the commonwealth’s electronic
5 registration system shall be sufficient to provide the state secretary with the voting list. Any
6 such list shall be a public record in the custody of the state secretary and the state secretary shall
7 respond to any request for regional or statewide voting lists. The request for inspection or copy
8 of such public record shall be governed by chapter 66.

9 SECTION 2. Section 91 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

11 Registrars shall provide to the state secretary a copy of each absentee voting list required
12 by this section. Any such list shall be a public record in the custody of the state secretary and the
13 state secretary shall respond to any request for regional or statewide absentee voting lists. The
14 request for inspection or copy of such public record shall be governed by chapter 66.

15 SECTION 3. Section 91A of said chapter 54, as so appearing is hereby amended by
16 adding the following paragraph:-

17 Registrars shall provide to the state secretary a copy of each specially qualified voter list
18 required by this section. Any such list shall be a public record in the custody of the state
19 secretary and the state secretary shall respond to any request for regional or statewide specially
20 qualified voter lists. The request for inspection or copy of such public record shall be governed
21 by chapter 66.