

HOUSE No. 665

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 relative to absentee ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 681 OF.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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 89 of chapter 54 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-
3 An application by a voter admitted to a health care facility or confined to a hospice or home health care may be
4 received up until the time the polls close.
- 5 SECTION 2. Section 91B of chapter 54(b) of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2000 Official
6 Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the word "prepaid" in line 5 the word "forthwith".
- 7 SECTION 3. Section 91B of chapter 54(c) of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2000 Official
8 Edition is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words "after noon of the fifth day" and inserting in place
9 thereof the following words: -
10 has been confined to a hospice program as defined in section 57D of chapter one hundred eleven, or has been
11 receiving home health care.
- 12 SECTION 4. Section 86 of Chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the
13 following sentence: -
14 Any voter employed by a city or town in the Commonwealth on the day of, and in the conduct of, any state primary,
15 state election, preliminary city or town election, regular or special, and whose application for an official absent
16 voting ballot has been filed with the city or town clerk as provided in section eighty-nine, and certified under section
17 ninety-one, may vote in accordance with sections eighty-seven to one hundred and three, inclusive.