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SENATE . . . . . No. 316

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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:

An Act requiring photo identification to receive a ballot.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Richard Bastien	*2nd Worcester*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 316) of Richard J. Ross, George T. Ross, Richard Bastien, James J. Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation to require photo identification to recieve a ballot. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *335* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act requiring photo identification to receive a ballot.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 76 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting the following words:- Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall provide a name, residential address, and valid photo identification to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case of official ballots, other than those marked "Challenged Ballots" as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipments for the recording or broadcasting of the names of the voters not yet checked as having voted shall be prohibited.

SECTION 2. Section 76B of chapter 54, as so appearing is hereby amended by striking out after the words,

"suitable written identification", the following:- when so requested by