

**SENATE . . . . . No. 411**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brendan P. Crighton***

*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 the order of candidates' names on the town of Marblehead town election ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 411) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jennifer Balinsky Armini (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the order of candidates' names on the town of Marblehead town election ballots. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5442 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the order of candidates' names on the town of Marblehead town election 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law or ordinance to the  
2 contrary, the order of candidates listed on the town election ballot in the town of Marblehead  
3 shall be determined by random drawing of names by the town clerk for each race. Prior to  
4 printing of the ballots, the town clerk shall hold a lottery for each race where names of all  
5 qualified candidates shall be entered. The order of the names drawn shall be the order in which  
6 the names appear on the ballot. Any candidate for re-election shall be designated as such on the  
7 ballot. Each candidate, or each candidate’s representative, shall have the opportunity to be  
8 present at such drawing.

9           The drawing shall be conducted by the town clerk or the assistant town clerk, beginning  
10 not earlier than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the day following the last day for candidates to  
11 withdraw their nomination papers and continuing until such time as all ballot positions have been  
12 determined.

13           SECTION 2. The act shall take effect upon its passage.