

SENATE No. 340

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 on strengthening and clarifying residency requirements for the purpose of voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to residency requirements for voting. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act on strengthening and clarifying residency requirements for the purpose of voting.

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 to the contrary, the secretary of
2 the commonwealth shall conduct a study to review existing laws in regards to residency
3 requirements for purposes of voting. Secretary shall make any recommendations to strengthen
4 and clarify residency requirements as they pertain to eligibility for voting in municipal, state, and
5 federal elections and participation in town meetings, particularly so as to ensure for the
6 maximum extent possible, that such requirements are clear, easily understood, and enforceable in
7 an efficient manner. Secretary shall submit the study and recommendations to the clerks of the
8 senate and house and to the Joint Committee on Election Laws by September 30, 2013.