

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3160**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jerald A. Parisella***

*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 election ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3160) of Jerald A. Parisella and others that the word “veteran” be added to ballots of candidates who have honorably served in the armed forces. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to election ballots.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a veteran designation on ballots, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

- 1           The third paragraph of section 41 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 2 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The word “veteran”
- 3 shall be added in the same space to the name of each candidate for state, city or town office who
- 4 is a veteran as defined in section 1 of chapter 31 if the candidate so requests.