

HOUSE No. 587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 electronic poll books.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James M. Murphy

4th Norfolk

James M. Cantwell

4th Plymouth

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 587) of James M. Murphy and James M. Cantwell relative to the use of electronic poll books. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to electronic poll books.

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. Chapter 54, Section 67 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following language to the end of said section, “A community may opt to substitute paper
3 voting lists for electronic poll books. Those communities who elect to use electronic poll books
4 shall inform the elections division of the Office of the Secretary of State of their election to use
5 the poll books at the check-in table.

6 Poll books shall only be used if they produce a receipt which provides the name, address,
7 date of birth, and voter identification number of the voter in barcode form. Each voter will
8 receive the appropriate ballot and the poll book receipt. After the voter completes the ballot, the
9 voter shall present himself to the check-out table and provide the receipt to the election worker at
10 the check-out table. Only after the election worker receives the receipt, shall the voter be
11 permitted to cast his or her ballot.

12 Those communities who choose to use the poll books shall provide a separate poll book
13 for the check-in table at each precinct. Only one election worker shall be required to work the
14 check-in table for those communities who opt to use poll books.

15 Any voters who vote through the absentee or early voting process shall also be processed
16 through the poll book. The receipts for said voters shall be presented at the polls along with the
17 respective ballots for processing on election day.