

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 597**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Tom Sannicandro***

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*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 to ensure voter access.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Tom Sannicandro*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 597) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation prohibit non-essential constructions or improvements to public roadways on days of primary elections and general elections. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 629 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to ensure voter access.

*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 50 of the General Laws is hereby amended by interesting the  
2 following section:-

3 Section X.

4 (a) As used in this section the following words shall have the following meanings:-

5 “non- essential,” not necessary to address an immediate threat to public safety

6 “State election” shall apply to any election at which a national, state, or county officer or  
7 a regional district school committee member elected district-wide is to be chosen by the voters,  
8 whether for a full term or for the filling of a vacancy.

9           (b) On the day of a state election and on the day of a primary to select a nominee for a  
10 national, state, or county officer, any non-essential constructions or improvements to a public  
11 roadway that in any way impede, interrupt, obstruct, delay, or reroute the normal flow of traffic  
12 shall be prohibited.