

**SENATE . . . . . No. 405**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam G. Hinds*

*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 voting rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balse</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 405) of Adam G. Hinds, Jack Patrick Lewis, Tami L. Gouveia, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to voting rights. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to voting rights.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to restore voting rights to incarcerated felons, 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           SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 50 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 138 and 139, the following words:-  
3 “, except if by reason of a felony conviction”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the following words:- “or incarcerated in a correctional  
6 facility due to a felony conviction.”.