

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 579

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to verification of citizenship when registering to vote..

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

1           SECTION1. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 4  
2   the following section:—

3           Section 4A. Any person registering to vote for the first time in the Commonwealth shall  
4   provide verification of U.S. citizenship. Such verification shall include one of the following: a  
5   birth certificate, passport or United States naturalization papers.

6           Any person who transfers, alters, or defaces any such card or license or who makes, uses,  
7   carries, sells, or distributes a false identification for the purposes of voting illegally shall be  
8   guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.