

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1969

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cory Atkins*

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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 relative to residency requirements in local elections.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1969) of Cory Atkins and Ellen Story relative to residency requirements in local elections. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 552 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to residency requirements in local elections.

*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 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3           “Every permanent legal resident eighteen years of age or older, not being a person under  
4 guardianship or incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction, and not being  
5 temporarily or permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to  
6 elections, who is a resident in the city or town where he or she claims the right to vote at the time  
7 he or she registers, and who has complied with the requirements of this chapter, may have his or  
8 her name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may vote therein in any election  
9 for officers in such city or town.”