HOUSE No. 204

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 prohibiting campaign signs on public property..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	1/5/2011
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	1/14/2011
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	1/25/2011
Steven L. Levy	4th Middlesex	2/2/2011
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	2/1/2011

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 204) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to prohibiting campaign signs on tax-exempt property. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 682 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act prohibiting campaign signs on public property..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no political sign
- 2 may be placed or affixed to any property that is tax-exempt, including local, state and federal
- 3 property and property owned by a non-profit.
- 4 Any candidate or campaign committee violating the provisions of this act may be ordered
- 5 to remove the sign or be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. The city or town clerk in
- 6 each municipality shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this act.