

HOUSE No. 2729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 state ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Andrew Bergamini</i>	<i>78 Graniteville Road Westford, MA 01886</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2729) of James Arciero, Cleon H. Turner and Andrew Bergamini for legislation to provide unenrolled voters with a unified ballot containing all candidates in state primary elections. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to state ballots.

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 54 of the Massachusetts general laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new subsection, Section 45A;

3 Section 45A. Any registered voter of the commonwealth who is not enrolled in a
4 recognized political party will have the right and opportunity to receive a unified ballot at all
5 state primary elections in which all candidates for party nomination are to be selected. This
6 ballot shall contain all the candidates for each office and their political affiliation listed in a
7 group by each office sought, in which the unenrolled voter may select from the various
8 candidates regardless of their political party affiliation. The registered voter may only vote for
9 one candidate per office. The secretary of the commonwealth shall establish the rules and
10 regulations in regards to this right.