

SENATE No. 296

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sonia Chang-Diaz

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 to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 296) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Cory Atkins, Sal N. DiDomenico, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth..

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: After Section 63 of Chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General
2 Laws , the following new Section is added:

3 “Section 64: Electronic Updating of the Annual Register of Voters and Central
4 Voter Registry by the State Secretary.

5 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the State Secretary shall
6 obtain data from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and the United States Postal
7 Service, in order to ascertain whether any persons, who otherwise already have a valid and
8 complete affidavit of voter registration, have changed their address within the Commonwealth of
9 Massachusetts.

10 At least every three months, the State Secretary shall seek such information
11 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the US Postal Service. These agencies shall

12 electronically transmit to the State Secretary information for persons who have changed their
13 address within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the past three months, including, where
14 available:

15 (i) Name, Current Address, Mailing Address, Date of Birth, Identification #
16 (Driver's License Number or Last 4 digits of Social security Number), Telephone Number

17 (ii) Date, time, and nature of the last change to the information; and

18 (iii) Any additional information designated by the State Secretary for such
19 purposes and reasonably related to the management of elections.

20 (iv) If information is sent because it has changed since the last transmission
21 from the source agency, the source agency shall transmit both the new information and the old
22 information, labeled accordingly.

23 If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the Central
24 Registry of Voters as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more
25 recent update to the person's name or address than is currently contained in the Central Registry
26 of Voters, the State Secretary shall ensure that the person's records in the Central Registry of
27 Voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate municipal registrars to update the
28 person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.

29 The State Secretary shall ensure that each voter whose address is changed in
30 the Central Registry of Voters is promptly sent written notice of the change and their new voting
31 location. Any notice required by this section may be sent with other notices required or
32 permitted by law."

SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect 1 year from the date of passage.