SENATE No. 299

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 voter registration..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 299) of Cynthia S. Creem, Patricia D. Jehlen, Edward F. Coppinger, Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation relative to voter registration. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 338 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to voter registration..

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 Law, as appearing in the 2008 Official

Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 36 the following new section:-

3 Section 36A: (1) Each public high school may designate a location where

students may receive voter registration forms. A public high school offering voter registration

services may inform students of the right to complete a voter registration form, inform students

that the decision to register to vote shall have no bearing on high school records and shall not

7 inquire or keep records pertaining to any students eligibility to vote. Whenever possible, public

high schools shall place a link on their internet webpage to the Secretary of State Elections

Division Office for individuals to learn about the qualifications to vote, and to download a voter

10 registration form.

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- 11 (2) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011; provided however, that the
- provisions of this act shall only apply to school districts on and after July 1, 2011.