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SENATE . . . . . No. 310

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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 in public high schools..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	
Bruce E. Tarr	
Daniel A. Wolf	
Sonia Chang-Diaz	
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 310) of Michael R. Knapik, Bruce E. Tarr, Daniel A. Wolf, Sonia Chang-Diaz and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to voter registration in public high schools. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *351* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to voter registration in public high schools..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 34H the following section:-

Section 34I. (a) Each public high school shall host a voter registration day in the months of May and September of each year for the purpose of encouraging voter participation and civic engagement among the young adult population of the commonwealth. The principal of each high school shall be responsible for designating these days.

(b) The city or town clerk or an assistant clerk shall be present and available in the high school building for the purpose of registering those individuals eligible to vote.

(c) The office of the secretary of state shall provide information in the form of pamphlets, books, and other educational materials regarding the state and federal election process to each high school for use on the designated voter registration days.