

HOUSE No. 557

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Andrews

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 establishing permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>

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By Ms. Andrews of Orange, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 557) of Denise Andrews and others relative to address changes for registered voters in the central registry of voters by the Secretary of State. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1120 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act establishing 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 Laws , the
2 following new section is added:

3 Section 64: Electronic updating of the annual register of voters and central voter registry
4 by the secretary of the commonwealth.

5 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the
6 commonwealth shall receive data from the Massachusetts registry of motor vehicles, the
7 department of transitional assistance, the department of housing and community development,
8 the office of Medicaid, and the United States Postal Service, in order to ascertain whether any
9 persons, who otherwise already have a valid and complete affidavit of voter registration, have
10 changed their address within the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

11 At least every three months, the secretary of the commonwealth shall seek information
12 from the registry of motor vehicles, the department of transitional assistance, the department of
13 housing and community development, the office of Medicaid, and the United States Postal
14 Service. These agencies shall electronically transmit to the secretary of the commonwealth

15 information for persons who have changed their address in the past year, including, where
16 available:

17 (i) Name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, identification # (driver's
18 license number or last 4 digits of social security number), and telephone number; and

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

20 (iii) Any additional information designated by the secretary of the commonwealth for
21 such purposes and reasonably related to the management of elections;

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

25 If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the central registry of
26 voters as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more recent update to
27 the person's name or address, the secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that the person's
28 records in the central registry of voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate
29 municipal registrars to update the person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.

30 The secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that each voter whose address is
31 changed in the central registry of voters is promptly sent written notice of the change. Any
32 notice required by this section may be sent with other notices required or permitted by law.

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