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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

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 accessibility and preservation of write in voting records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to accessibility and preservation of write-in voting records. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1105* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to accessibility and preservation of write in voting records.

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

Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 111, the following section:-

Section 111A. The city or town clerk shall maintain the count of all votes cast in all elections for all candidates including the names and tally of recipients of write-in votes; provided, that the clerk shall retain such record consistent with the requirements of this chapter. The names of recipients of write-in votes shall be available upon request. The clerk shall furnish a copy of said names to the person making the request on payment of a reasonable fee or shall allow such person to examine and copy said names without charge under such supervision as the clerk may reasonably require.