

HOUSE No. 625

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 absentee ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to absentee ballots. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2734 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to absentee ballots.

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. Section 89 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentence:-

4 An application by a voter admitted to a health care facility or confined to a hospice or
5 home health care may be received up until the time the polls close.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of said Section 91B of said Chapter 54 of the General Laws,
7 as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “after
8 noon of the fifth day before the relevant election,” and inserting in place thereof the following
9 words:-

10 , or has been confined to a hospice program, as defined in section fifty-seven D of chapter
11 one hundred and eleven, or has been receiving home health care,

12 SECTION 3. Section 86 of said Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
13 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following
14 sentence:-

15 Any voter employed by a city or town in the Commonwealth on the day of, and in the
16 conduct of, any state primary, state election, preliminary city or town election, regular or special,

17 and whose application for an official absent voting ballot has been filed with the city or town
18 clerk as provided in section eighty-nine, and certified under section ninety-one, may vote in
19 accordance with sections eighty-seven to one hundred and three, inclusive.