

HOUSE No. 635

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 the establishing of an election task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>William F. Galvin</i>	<i>Secretary of the Commonwealth</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 635) of Angelo M. Scaccia, William F. Galvin and Michael D. Brady for the establishment of a task force (including members of the General Court) to study election issues. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the establishing of an election task force.

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. 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be
2 established an election task force. Said task force shall undertake a study of election issues
3 which shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the financial, administrative and
4 technological implications of : (1) establishing an online voter registration system; (2)
5 implementing advance voting; (3) election day registration; and (4) ballot access procedures and
6 post-election remedies.

7 The task force shall complete its study and submit its final report in writing to the joint
8 committee on election laws no later than September 30, 2014. The task force shall consist of the
9 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on election laws, the speaker of the house of
10 representatives or his designee, the president of the senate or her designee, the house minority
11 leader or his designee, the senate minority leader or his designee, the state secretary or his
12 designee (who shall serve as chair of the task force), the chairs of the house and the senate ways
13 & means committees, the state auditor or his designee, the director of the office on disability or
14 her designee, 2 representatives of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, at least 1 of
15 whom shall be a town clerk of a town of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants, 2 representatives of the
16 Massachusetts City Clerks Association, and 1 representative of each of the following groups: the
17 Massachusetts Municipal Association, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, the
18 Massachusetts Chapter of the NAACP, Common Cause, and MassVOTE.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, therefore it is hereby declared to
20 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

