

HOUSE No. 644

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2013</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of Thomas M. Stanley and John J. Lawn, Jr. for legislation to remove restrictions on absentee voting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 209 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

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

1 Chapter 54, Section 86 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by deleting
2 the following: -

3 “ is absent from the city of town where he is a voter by reason of being a specially
4 qualified voter as defined in section one of chapter fifty, or his employment in another
5 community, attendance at any institution of higher education or for any other reason or who will
6 be unable to by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place or who
7 for reasons of religious belief.”