

**SENATE . . . . . No. 340**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 on strengthening and clarifying residency requirements for the purpose of voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to residency requirements for voting. Election Laws.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act on strengthening and clarifying residency requirements for the purpose of 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           SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of  
2 the commonwealth shall conduct a study to review existing laws in regards to residency  
3 requirements for purposes of voting. Secretary shall make any recommendations to strengthen  
4 and clarify residency requirements as they pertain to eligibility for voting in municipal, state, and  
5 federal elections and participation in town meetings, particularly so as to ensure for the  
6 maximum extent possible, that such requirements are clear, easily understood, and enforceable in  
7 an efficient manner. Secretary shall submit the study and recommendations to the clerks of the  
8 senate and house and to the Joint Committee on Election Laws by September 30, 2013.