

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 589**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David M. Nangle*

*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 election officers in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2015</i>

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By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 589) of David M. Nangle relative to election officers in cities and towns. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to election officers in cities and towns.

*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. Chapter 54, Section 11 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking the words “one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, four inspectors  
3 and four deputy inspectors” and replacing it with “a minimum of one warden, one clerk, two  
4 inspectors and a ballot box inspector.”

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 54, Section 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
6 the words “one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, two inspectors and two  
7 deputy inspectors” and replacing it with “a minimum of one warden, one clerk, two inspectors  
8 and a ballot box inspector.”

9           SECTION 3. Chapter 54, Section 67 of the General Laws as amended by the Acts of  
10 2004, C. 334, Section 34 is hereby amended by deleting the section and replacing it with the  
11 following: “The voting list shall be delivered to the warden at the entrance to the precinct in the  
12 polling place. When a ballot is delivered to a voter, his name shall be checked on the voting list

13 at the entrance of the precinct. One inspector in charge of the voting list and inspector in charge  
14 of the ballot box shall be of different political parties. The ballot box inspector shall insure that  
15 each voter casts a ballot into the ballot box before exiting the precinct. No person shall vote if  
16 his name is not on the voting list, nor until the inspector shall check his name thereon, unless he  
17 presents a certificate from the registrars of the voters as provided by section fifty-one or section  
18 fifty-nine of Chapter fifty-one, or unless he is voting by provisional ballot under section 76C”.

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 54, Section 83 of the General Laws is hereby amended by deleting  
20 the entire section.

21 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.”