

**SENATE . . . . . No. 379**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James B. Eldridge*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 379) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to election officers. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 322 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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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.

*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 11 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5-6, the words "one warden, one  
3 deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, four inspectors and four deputy inspectors" and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following words:- "a minimum of one warden, one clerk, two  
5 inspectors and a ballot box inspector".

6           SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 striking out, in lines 4-5, the words "one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy  
8 clerk, two inspectors and two deputy inspectors" and inserting in place thereof the following  
9 words:- "a minimum of one warden, one clerk, two inspectors and a ballot box inspector".

10           SECTION 3. Said chapter 54 is hereby further amended by striking out section 67, as  
11 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

12           Section 67. The voting list shall be delivered to the warden at the entrance to the precinct  
13 in the polling place. When a ballot is delivered to a voter, the voter's name shall be checked on  
14 the voting list at the entrance of the precinct. The inspector in charge of the voting list and the  
15 inspector in charge of the ballot box shall be of different political parties. The ballot box  
16 inspector shall ensure that each voter casts a ballot into the ballot box before exiting the precinct.  
17 No person shall vote if that person's name is not on the voting list, nor until the inspector shall  
18 check the person's name thereon, unless the person presents a certificate from the registrars of  
19 the voters as provided by section 51 or section 59 of chapter 51, or unless the person is voting by  
20 provisional ballot under section 76C.

21           SECTION 4. Section 83 of said chapter 54 is hereby repealed.