

SENATE No. 52

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to remove restrictions on absentee ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, Senate, No. 52) of James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis, Paul R. Heroux, Benjamin Swan and others for a constitutional amendment relative to the removal of restrictions on absentee ballots. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to remove restrictions on absentee ballots.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 SECTION 1: Article CXXI. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution, as
2 appearing in Article CV of the Amendments, is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in
3 place thereof:-

4 Article XLV. The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting, in the
5 choice of any officer to be elected, or upon any question submitted to the voters