

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2084**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

*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 accessibility and preservation of write in voting records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2084) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to accessibility and preservation of write-in voting records. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 552 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to accessibility and preservation of write in voting records.

*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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 111, the following section:-

3 Section 111A. The city or town clerk shall maintain the count of all votes cast in all  
4 elections for all candidates including the names and tally of recipients of write-in votes;  
5 provided, that the clerk shall retain such record consistent with the requirements of this chapter.  
6 The names of recipients of write-in votes shall be available upon request. The clerk shall furnish  
7 a copy of said names to the person making the request on payment of a reasonable fee or shall  
8 allow such person to examine and copy said names without charge under such supervision as the  
9 clerk may reasonably require.