

HOUSE No. 2098

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran

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 the central registry of voters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2098) of Michael J. Moran, Jonathan Hecht and Michelle M. DuBois relative to reporting requirements of state agencies to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the maintenance of the Central Registry of Voters. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 582 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to the central registry of voters.

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 47C of Chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
3 paragraphs:--

4 The registry of motor vehicles, and any other state agency, shall provide data, as deemed
5 necessary by the state secretary, for the purposes of maintaining accurate and complete voter
6 lists. At least every 2 months, the registry of motor vehicles, and any other state agency the
7 secretary designates, shall electronically transmit to the secretary all data as directed by the
8 secretary and relevant to the purposes of voter registration, including, if available, the following
9 record fields: (i) name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, driver’s license number

10 and/or last 4 digits of the social security number, and telephone number; (ii) date, time, and
11 nature of the last change to the information; and (iii) any additional information designated by
12 the state secretary for such purposes and reasonably related to maintaining accurate and complete
13 voter lists.

14 The secretary shall provide the names and addresses and other data contained in said
15 central registry, as well as information received from the registry of motor vehicles and any other
16 agency received for the purpose of maintaining accurate and complete voting lists, to the
17 Electronic Registration Information Center (“ERIC”) after entering into a binding legal
18 agreement with ERIC specifying the terms and conditions of Massachusetts’s membership in the
19 Center.

20 The secretary shall implement if practicable a centralized system to manage and evaluate
21 data received from ERIC to send mailings to voters centrally rather than from the local level. In
22 the absence of such central management, if any actions regarding possibly inaccurate
23 information in the voter registry requires any action by the registrars, the secretary shall provide
24 any such information to the registrars in electronic form and in a manner minimizing data
25 management at the local level.