

HOUSE No. 3672

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 nomination petitions in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2017</i>

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3672) of Angelo M. Scaccia, Sal N. DiDomenico and Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to nomination petitions for elections in the city of Boston. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to election nomination petitions in the city of Boston.

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. The fourth paragraph of section 55A of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948,
2 inserted by section 4 of chapter 342 of the acts of 1983, and as amended by section 6 of chapter
3 476 of the acts of 2004, is hereby amended by striking out those portions of the form containing
4 the number “19” and inserting in place thereof the number “20.”

5 SECTION 2. Section 55A of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948, inserted by section 4 of
6 chapter 342 of the acts of 1983, and as amended by section 6 of chapter 476 of the acts of 2004,
7 is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph of the form.

8 SECTION 3. Section 56 of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948, inserted by section 4 of
9 chapter 342 of the acts of 1983, and further amended by section 7 of chapter 476 of the acts of
10 2004, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
11 following paragraph:-

12 Every voter signing a nomination petition shall sign in person, with his name as
13 registered, and shall state his residence on January first preceding, or his residence when
14 registered if subsequent thereto, and the place where he is then living, with the street and
15 number, if any; but any voter who is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize
16 some person to write his name and residence in his presence. There shall be no limit on the
17 number of nomination petitions for any office that the voter may choose to sign as petitioner.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage if such passage occurs on or before
19 April 19, 2017; otherwise it shall take effect on January 1, 2018.