

HOUSE No. 4252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 28, 2018.

The committee on Election Laws to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 351) of Brian M. Ashe relative to absentee ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 352) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to ensure that polling places are accessible to handicapped and elderly voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 353) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation to establish election day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 354) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others relative to allowing eligible citizens who missed registration deadline to cast their ballot on election day; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of Tackey Chan and Raymond McGrath relative to political contributions by certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 356) of Shawn Dooley and Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a fund for special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of senator or representative in the General Court; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to campaign contributions of foreign persons, corporations or entities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to the availability of voter

lists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Shawn Dooley and others that the State Secretary provide for a program to allow cities and towns to implement a voter “speed pass” system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 360) of James J. Dwyer relative to state primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 361) of James J. Dwyer for legislation to further regulate primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 362) of William C. Campbell for legislation to repeal the early voting law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 363) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the identification requirements for voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 364) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate conduct at polling places; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to prohibit false information in political advertisements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 366) of Carmine L. Gentile, James B. Eldridge and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that certain disabled residents in the town of Sudbury be authorized to vote remotely by telephone; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 367) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to campaign contributions for the benefit of elected political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 369) of Paul R. Heroux and James R. Miceli for legislation to authorize poll workers in local and state elections to participate in early voting or absentee voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 370) of Bradford R. Hill and others for legislation to require applicants for voter registration to show proof of identification; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 371) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to campaign financing and reporting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 372) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to require photo identification for persons voting in elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 373) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 374) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to further regulate campaign contributions to political committees and candidates for legislative and state-wide elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 375) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to eliminate limited public financing of campaigns for state-wide elective office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 376) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to ensuring secure voting equipment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to the method

of casting and tabulating votes and further regulating election practices; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 378) of Robert M. Koczera, Jay R. Kaufman and William M. Straus relative to the selection of a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 379) of Joseph D. McKenna and Peter J. Durant relative to the apportioning of electoral votes by Congressional district; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 380) of James M. Murphy, James M. Cantwell and Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to increasing voter participation in primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 381) of James M. Murphy and James M. Cantwell relative to providing disclosure of political phone calls; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of David M. Nangle relative to voter registration sessions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 384) of David M. Nangle and Rady Mom for legislation to allow certain newly registered voters to vote in their previous communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 385) of Jerald A. Parisella and others relative to voting overseas; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 386) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to proof of valid identification at voting polls; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 387) of David M. Rogers and others for legislation to further define felony convictions as relates to the disqualification of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 388) of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to enable cities and towns to extend voting rights in municipal elections to certain non-citizens of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 389) of Daniel J. Ryan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to election procedures in the city of Boston; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 390) of William M. Straus and Michael F. Rush relative to elections to fill vacancies in certain county positions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to expand access to voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2081) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to limiting influence of foreign corporations in elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2082) of Michael S. Day and others relative to political campaign contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2083) of Diana DiZoglio and others that public school students of voting age be instructed on the voter registration process and provided access to voter registration forms; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2084) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to accessibility and

preservation of write-in voting records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2085) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2086) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to campaign disclosure filings of municipal ballot questions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2088) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to access to official absentee and early voting data by state parties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2089) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to certain contributions to political action committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2090) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to unenrolled election workers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2092) of James J. Lyons, Jr., for legislation to utilize the resources of the Department of Revenue to increase voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2093) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to same day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2094) of Aaron Michlewitz relative to the board of registrars in certain towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2095) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to inactive voter lists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2096) of Michael J. Moran and Jonathan Hecht relative to reprecincting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2097) of Michael J. Moran relative to establishing a date for certain state primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2100) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) relative to absentee voting for disabled persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2101) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) relative to the duties of the State Secretary for elections held during emergencies situations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2102) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) relative to uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2103) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) relative to political designations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2104) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) relative to specially qualified voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2106) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to adding a “none of the above” option to ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2107) of Susannah M. Whipps, Paul W. Mark and others relative to political designation and

election procedures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2896) of Cory Atkins and others that early voting locations be considered a polling places; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2897) of Mike Connolly and others relative to ranking candidates for office in order of preference in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2899) of Josh S. Cutler relative to campaign contributions by political parties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2900) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to prohibiting ballot question contributions by certain businesses contracting with the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2901) of Shawn Dooley and others for legislation to further regulate certain activities at polling locations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2902) of Sean Garballey relative to age requirements in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2903) of Jack Lewis and Natalie Higgins relative to the filing of vacancies of certain nominated candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2904) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to limiting political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3140) of Michelle M. DuBois and others relative to payroll deductions for voluntary contributions to not-for-profit social welfare organizations and political action committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3484) of Mike Connolly and others relative to limiting campaign contributions from outside the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3485) of Solomon Goldstein-Rose relative to election modernization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3486) of Robert M. Koczera and others relative to early voting in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3559) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to campaign disclosure of foreign donations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3560) of Aaron Vega for legislation to further regulate the use of voter information; the 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; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3700) of Carmine L. Gentile and Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to establish voting rights for permanent resident aliens; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3716) of Geoff Diehl, David F. DeCoste and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to the regulation of certain elections by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3745) of Solomon Goldstein-Rose (by

vote of the town) that the town of Amherst be authorized to enter the names of legal permanent resident noncitizens to the list of voters established by the town clerk of said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3838) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Shelburne be authorized to allow persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Wendell be authorized to allow persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in said town; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashfield be authorized to allow persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying order ought to be adopted (House, No. 4252) [Representatives Boldyga of Southwick and Lombardo of Billerica dissent].

For the committee,

JOHN J. MAHONEY.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Election Laws be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 351, 352, 353,
3 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373,
4 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 2079, 2081,
5 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2100,
6 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2106, 2107, 2896, 2897, 2899, 2900, 2901, 2902, 2903, 2904, 3140,
7 3484, 3485, 3486, 3559, 3560, 3672, 3700, 3716, 3745, 3838, 3861 and 3872, relative to election
8 laws.

9 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
10 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
11 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
12 on or before December 31, 2018.