

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2052**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 to fairly fund early voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>

<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2017</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/7/2017</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2017</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>4/5/2017</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>3/13/2017</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>4/4/2017</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>4/12/2017</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. ) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Richard J. Ross, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to fairly fund early voting. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to fairly fund early voting.

*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. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:-

3 “(r) The commonwealth shall reimburse each city and town to the full extent of the  
4 amounts expended for mandated early voting procedures and operations. The state treasurer shall  
5 annually, on or before July 1st of the year following the election for which reimbursement is  
6 being sought, pay to cities and towns, the sums required for such reimbursement and approved  
7 by the secretary of state pursuant to section 2 herein. Each city and town may establish an Early  
8 Voting Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this  
9 section may be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year.”

10 SECTION 2. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
11 inserting in subsection (o) the following at the end thereof:-

12 “including the means to seek, process and approve reimbursement subject to subsection

13 (r)”