

SENATE No. 384

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi, (BY REQUEST)

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 establishing open ballot primaries in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Richard Reppucci

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By Ms. Gobi (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 384) of Richard Reppucci for legislation to establish open ballot primaries in the commonwealth. Election Laws.

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

An Act establishing open ballot primaries in the commonwealth.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 commonwealth shall adopt an open ballot primary process for all state and federal primary
3 elections. For the purposes of this section, "open ballot" shall mean the primary candidates for all
4 political parties shall be listed on a single ballot, to be voted on by registered voters, regardless
5 of party enrollment.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.