

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3713**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Mindy Domb*

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 ballots for state general elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/8/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3713) of Mindy Domb and others relative to ballots for state general elections. Election Laws.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to ballots for state general elections.

*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. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 40 the following section:-

3 Section 40A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all ballots for  
4 the election of candidates to any state office shall include, for each office to be filled, blank  
5 spaces for the insertion of other names equal to the number of persons to be chosen for such  
6 office, and such blank spaces shall be clearly marked with a line and the designation “write-in  
7 candidate”.

8 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2020.