

HOUSE No. 3859

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran, (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 authorizing the City of Boston to offer early voting in municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Andrea Campbell</i> | <i>City Council President, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02108</i> | <i>5/14/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Moran of Boston (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3859) of Andrea Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to offer early voting in municipal elections. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing the City of Boston to offer early voting in municipal 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the City of
2 Boston’s Board of Election Commissioners shall offer early voting for regular municipal
3 elections.

4 The City of Boston’s Board of Election Commissioners shall allow any qualified voter, as
5 defined in section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, to cast a ballot for any biennial municipal
6 election during the early voting period.

7 The City of Boston’s Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate regulations to
8 implement the provisions of this act consistent with section 25B of chapter 54 of the General
9 Laws. The Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate such regulations within six
10 months of its passage. Early voting shall be offered in the next municipal election following the
11 approval of such regulations. Such regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, a

12 process for establishing early voting locations, dates, staffing, and a process for applying for,
13 receiving, separating, compiling, recording, and securing early voter ballots. Each early voting
14 site shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

15 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take full effect upon its passage.