

HOUSE No. 4403

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 10, 2020.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 632) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to absentee ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 633) of Bruce J. Ayers and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to ensure that polling places are accessible to handicapped and elderly voters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 637) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to expand access to voter registration, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 638) of Tackey Chan relative to political contributions by certain public employees, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of Mike Connolly, Joan Meschino and others relative to child care expenses for candidates while performing work or attending certain campaign events, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 640) of Josh S. Cutler and others for legislation to limit political spending by foreign-influenced corporations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Michael S. Day, Danielle W. Gregoire and Steven Ultrino relative to political campaign contributions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 643) of Marjorie C. Decker and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the city council) relative to authorizing the city of Cambridge to offer early voting in municipal elections, the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of David F. DeCoste and James K. Hawkins for legislation to exempt certain candidates from signing certain campaign finance affidavits, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 645) of Mindy Domb and others relative to ballots for state primary elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 648) of Shawn Dooley and others for legislation to further regulate certain activities at polling locations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 649) of Shawn Dooley, Michael J. Soter and David F. DeCoste 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. 650) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to the availability of voter lists, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to campaign contributions of foreign persons, corporations or entities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 652) of Shawn Dooley, Michael J. Soter 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. 653) of Dylan A. Fernandes, Julian Cyr and James K. Hawkins for legislation to remove voter registration deadlines and impose a fine on eligible voters who fail to vote, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 654) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to accessibility and preservation of write-in voting records, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 655) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to the disclosure of legal defense, inauguration or recount funds, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 656) 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. 657) of Sean Garballey, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to lowering the voting age requirements in local elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658) of Colleen M. Garry and David Allen Robertson relative to the identification requirements for voters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Alice Hanlon Peisch and Jack Patrick Lewis (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. 660) of Susan Williams Gifford and others relative to early voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 661) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to affidavits required for voter participation for early voting, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 662) of Tami L. Gouveia, Michael J. Barrett and others for legislation to lower the voting age in local elections, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 663) of Tami L. Gouveia, Michael J. Barrett, III and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize 17 year old citizens to vote in town elections and town meetings in the town of Concord, the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 664) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others 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. 665) of Richard M. Haggerty and others relative to election ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 666) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to campaign disclosure filings of municipal ballot questions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Jonathan Hecht, Bradford Hill and others for legislation to establish citizens' initiative ballot question review commission, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 668) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to ballot question fiscal transparency, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 669) of Russell E. Holmes and others relative to increasing voter registration and participation of people incarcerated for felony convictions to help prevent recidivism, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 670) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to access to official absentee and early voter data by state parties, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 671) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to unenrolled election workers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to certain contributions to political action committees, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 673) 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. 674) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 675) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to provide funding to cities and towns to defray the mandated costs imposed under early voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 676) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to campaign financing and reporting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 677) 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. 678) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to political contributions by investment advisors doing business with public entities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 679) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to create an independent redistricting commission, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 680) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Sean Garballey and others relative to the eligibility of certain seventeen year old persons to vote in preliminary or primary elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 681) of Jay D. Livingstone, Andres X. Vargas and others relative to early voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 682) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to early voting in local elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to absentee and mail ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of John J. Mahoney, Harriette L. Chandler and Paul Brodeur relative to early voting in the 2020 presidential

primary, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to the disclosure of foreign monetary campaign donations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 687) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to authorize risk-limiting audits after certain elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 688) of Joseph D. McKenna and Timothy R. Whelan relative to the apportioning of electoral votes by Congressional district, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of Aaron Michlewitz and others relative to bilingual ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of Christina A. Minicucci, Maria Duaine Robinson and Mindy Domb relative to extending certain voting protection to early voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 692) of Liz Miranda, Mike Connolly 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. 693) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to reprecincting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 694) of Michael J. Moran and others for legislation to further regulate auditing biennial state elections, state primary preceding biennial state elections, presidential primaries, or special general elections for Senator in Congress or Representative in Congress, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Michael J. Moran and others for legislation to authorize certain inactive voters to vote, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 696) of James M. Murphy relative to providing disclosure of political phone calls, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 697) of James M. Murphy 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. 700) of David M. Nangle and David F. DeCoste relative to voter registration sessions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 701) of David M. Nangle and David F. DeCoste for legislation to allow certain newly registered voters to vote in their previous communities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 702) of David M. Nangle and David F. DeCoste relative to the date of the state primary election, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to limiting political spending by foreign-influenced corporations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 704) of Jerald A. Parisella and others relative to overseas voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to proof of valid identification at voting polls, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Maria Duaine Robinson and others relative to the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth as an election officer, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 707) of David M. Rogers 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. 708) of David M. Rogers for legislation to further define felony convictions as relates to the disqualification of voters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No.

709) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William Francis Galvin relative to federal uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 710) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William Francis Galvin relative to specially qualified voters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 711) of Angelo M. Scaccia, William Francis Galvin and Michelle M. DuBois relative to absentee voting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 712) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William Francis Galvin relative to political designations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 713) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William Francis Galvin relative to the annual street listing under the election laws of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William Francis Galvin relative to authorizing the State Secretary to regulate elections in emergency situations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Theodore C. Speliotis and Timothy R. Whelan relative to the removal of the names of deceased persons from the voter rolls, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to adding a “none of the above” option to ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 718) of William M. Straus, Michael F. Rush and Kenneth I. Gordon relative to elections to fill vacancies in certain county positions, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 721) of Andres X. Vargas, Harriette L. Chandler and others for legislation to authorize risk-limiting audits after certain elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) 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, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3553) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the disclosure of donations by major policy makers engaging in political activity, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3602) of Russell E. Holmes relative to special election scheduling, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3634) of Brian M. Ashe and Eric P. Lesser (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Longmeadow, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3650) of Stephan Hay for legislation to authorize certain local business owners to vote in municipal elections, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3712) of Mindy Domb, Nika C. Elugardo and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to random placement of candidate names and removal of incumbent information on primary and state ballots, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3713) of Mindy Domb and others relative to ballots for state general elections, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3763) of Andres X. Vargas, Harriette L. Chandler and others for legislation to establish a pilot program and for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to provide for convenient voting for military personnel, their families and civilians stationed or working abroad, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3803) of Daniel R. Cullinane relative to contributions from political action committees to candidates for state representative, the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3804) of Daniel R. Cullinane relative to campaign finance reporting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3831) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to inactive voters and municipal census administration, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3856) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections for certain residents aged 16 and 17 years old, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3858) of Andrea Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the terms of office for city councillors in the city of Boston, the 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, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3860) of Andrea Campbell (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. 4065) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Otis be authorized to establish recall elections in said town, reports recommending the accompanying order (House, No. 4403) ought to be adopted [Senators Eldridge, Chang-Diaz and Representative Carey Easthampton dissents].

For the committee,

JOHN. J. LAWN, JR.

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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 632, 633, 637,
3 638, 639, 640, 642, 643, 644, 645, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658,
4 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677,
5 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 686, 687, 688, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 700,
6 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 716, 717, 718, 721, 722,
7 3553, 3602, 3634, 3650, 3712, 3713, 3763, 3803, 3804, 3831, 3856, 3858, 3859, 3860 and 4065,
8 relative to election 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, 2020.