

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 689**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Michlewitz*

*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 the board of registrars of voters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 689) of Aaron Michlewitz and David F. DeCoste relative to the board of registrars in certain towns. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2094 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the board of registrars of voters.

*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 51 of section 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 deleting the following words at the end of the section - “without reference to such a list” and add  
3 the following in its place:

4 “from a list of interested parties solicited by the Town after publishing notice of such a  
5 vacancy for at least 14 days in the same manner which the Town has adopted to publish notices  
6 subject to the Open Meeting Law. If, after notifying the town committees, or if no town  
7 committee exists, the state committee, and inhabitants of the Town of such vacancy, no  
8 interested members of the two leading political parties comes forth to fill such vacancy, the  
9 Selectmen may appoint a voter who has been registered in said town for not less than two years,  
10 the aforementioned voter may be unenrolled or enrolled in a political designation; and provided

11 further, that in no case shall an appointment to be made as to cause a board to have more than  
12 two members, including the city or town clerk, of the same political party. Only one member for  
13 the Board of Registrars, not including the Town Clerk, shall not be a member of the two leading  
14 political parties.