

HOUSE No. 3763

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas and Harriette L. Chandler

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 assisting active military voters by promoting mobile phone voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>5/3/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/6/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>5/6/2019</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>5/6/2019</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>5/6/2019</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>5/6/2019</i>

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill and Senator Chandler, a 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. Election Laws.

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

An Act assisting active military voters by promoting mobile phone voting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state secretary shall,
2 pursuant to this act, establish a pilot program to provide for convenient voting for military
3 personnel, their families and civilians stationed or working abroad who are allowed to register
4 and vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), P.L. 99-
5 410.

6 The pilot program shall provide for the use of smart phones to improve voter engagement
7 and the convenience and security of voting. The state secretary shall provide for a pilot program
8 for integration with the state voters registration system, by a metrically secure authentication,
9 electronic ballot delivery to smart phones, an intuitive voting experience that requires no voter
10 training, the secure return of voted ballots in the redundant, immutable storage of ballots on a
11 block chain infrastructure and an easy way to tabulate and consolidate the results.

12 To accomplish the purposes of this act, the pilot program shall include not less than 100
13 UOCAVA voters by the use of smart phones for voting, which shall be conducted during the
14 presidential primary and general elections of 2020.

15 The pilot program shall include: (i) independent security evaluation and post-election
16 audits; (ii) block chain infrastructure; (iii) the ability to spoil ballot, whereby a second ballot
17 could be issued to a voter and only the voter's last ballot would be counted; and (iv) automatic
18 preparation of tabulatable ballots that can provide for automatically printed ballots, which can be
19 inserted directly into a ballot tabulating machine. The state secretary shall partner with a
20 company that has demonstrated security and capacity to deliver the requirements of the pilot
21 program.

22 There is hereby established a special commission on the status of Massachusetts' active
23 duty service members participating in elections while abroad: for the purpose of making an
24 investigation and study relative to such participation and the pilot program established by this
25 act. The special commission shall consist of 7 members: 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom
26 shall be the co-chair of the joint committee on elections; 2 members of the house of
27 representatives, 1 of whom shall be the co-chair of the joint committee on elections; the state
28 secretary; the adjutant general of the Massachusetts national guard; and the executive director of
29 the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.

30 The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study
31 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its
32 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the
33 house of representatives.