

HOUSE No. 695

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran

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 inactive voters.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Michael J. Moran</i> | <i>18th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i> | <i>City of Boston</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Edward F. Coppinger</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>David Biele</i> | <i>4th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i> | <i>12th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Tommy Vitolo</i> | <i>15th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Adrian C. Madaro</i> | <i>1st Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i> | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Michael J. Moran and others for legislation to authorize certain inactive voters to vote. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to inactive 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. Section 59 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 A voter who appears on the inactive voters list shall be permitted to vote without making
5 written affirmation, signed under penalties of perjury, of the voter’s current and continuous
6 residence in the municipality or, at a state primary or state election, residence in the municipality
7 within the previous six months, if the voter is able to provide suitable identification to the
8 presiding officer showing the voter’s name and address as listed on the inactive voters list.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.