

HOUSE No. 5026

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 12, 2022.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 434) of Michael J. Barrett, Harriette L. Chandler, Elizabeth A. Malia, Tami L. Gouveia and other members of the General Court for legislation to restore financial transparency in presidential elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 435) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to allow election day registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 436) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation concerning bilingual ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 437) of Joseph A. Boncore and Revere City Councilor, Ira Novoselsky for legislation to recognize veteran status on ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 438) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow political parties to self govern; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 439) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow chairs of political parties to release candidates from certain enrollment requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 440) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow electronic and blockchain signatures on nomination papers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 441) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to authorize the acceptance of filing fees in lieu of signatures on nomination papers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 442) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow political parties to permit voters enrolled in other parties to vote in their primaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 443) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to nominate candidates to their own primaries by additional means; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 444) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to permit multiple candidates on nomination petitions in their own primaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 445) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to permit candidates to run for more than one office in their own primaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 446) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to accept certain nomination signatures from enrolled members of other parties; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to permit enrolled members of other parties to run in their own primary; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 448) of Harriette L. Chandler, Elizabeth A. Malia, Michael J. Barrett, Tami L. Gouveia and others for legislation to ensure municipal participation of the widest eligible

range; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 449) of Sonia Chang-Diaz for legislation relative to the central registry of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 450) of Sonia Chang-Diaz and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to increase voter registration, participation, and to help prevent recidivism; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 451) of Sonia Chang-Diaz for legislation relative to voting options for inclusive and comprehensive elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 453) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to specially qualified voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 454) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to limit political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 455) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to political campaign contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 457) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to extend early voting options in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 458) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to improve knowledge about voting rights; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 461) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to protecting personal privacy in street listings; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 462) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to allow and fund remote voting for disabled persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 463) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to corporations, shareholders, and political expenditures; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 464) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to fair elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 465) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to extend voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizen voters of the commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 466) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish the state primary to the second Tuesday of May; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 468) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to expand voting options in Massachusetts; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 469) of Barry R. Finegold and Andres X. Vargas for legislation relative to the feasibility of mobile voting for active-duty service members, voters with disabilities and municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 473) of Adam G. Hinds, Joanne M. Comerford and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to voting rights; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 474) of Adam G. Hinds, Erika Uytterhoeven, James B. Eldridge, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the voting rights of eligible incarcerated people; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 476) of Gene John Cass for legislation relative to town committee elections and membership; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 477) of Jason M. Lewis, Kenneth I. Gordon and James B. Eldridge for legislation to expand voter access by making mail-in voting permanent; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 478) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for political party endorsement reform; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 479) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon

for legislation for Primary Election Reform; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 480) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to improve the fairness, and public transparency of all individuals, who may have, and/or intersect, with election officials, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 481) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to early voting and absent voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 482) of Mark C. Montigny and Michael O. Moore for legislation to limit political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 483) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to youth voter engagement; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 484) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Maria Duaine Robinson, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Danillo A. Sena and other members of the General Court for legislation to modernize access and improving laws in voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 485) of Rebecca L. Rausch and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to provide a local option for ranked choice voting in municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 486) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to require disclosure of four years of tax returns to appear on a presidential primary ballot; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 487) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to promote good democracy in primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 488) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to modernize the central registry of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 489) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Susan L. Moran and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to early voting cost reimbursements; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 490) of Rebecca L. Rausch, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and James B. Eldridge for legislation to ensure a complete, accurate, and equitable census count; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 491) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to ballot modernization; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 492) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to fairly fund early voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to absentee ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 760) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to ensure that polling places are accessible to handicapped and elderly voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 761) of Christine P. Barber, Erika Uytterhoeven and Mike Connolly (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. 762) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., Kelly W. Pease and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to require the showing of valid photo form of identification to election officials prior to voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to expand access to voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, William M. Straus and others relative to polling place security and integrity;

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 765) of Daniel Cahill relative to increasing voting opportunities and establishing an advisory committee (including members of the General Court) on the implementation of accessible vote by mail; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766) of Daniel R. Carey and others relative to postage paid absentee ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 767) of Tackey Chan relative to political contributions by certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 768) of Tackey Chan and others relative to requiring residency affidavits for candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 771) of Gene John Cass relative to town committee elections and membership; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Mindy Domb and Christina A. Minicucci relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of United States Senator; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 776) of Mindy Domb and Tami L. Gouveia relative to random placement of candidate names and removal of incumbent information on primary and state ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Paul J. Donato relative to the regulation of elections in certain emergency situations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of Paul J. Donato relative to federal uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 782) of Shawn Dooley relative to the availability of voter lists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Shawn Dooley for legislation to further regulate certain activities at polling locations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 784) of Shawn Dooley 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. 785) of Shawn Dooley relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 786) of Shawn Dooley that the State Secretary provide for a program to allow cities and towns to implement a voter "speed pass" system; the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 787) of Shawn Dooley and others for the adoption of an order relative to the authority of the General Court or any other officer of the Commonwealth to enact laws which allow citizens to vote from anywhere but their specified polling place; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 788) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to require that all eligible voters in the Commonwealth be required to cast ballots in the November general election; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 789) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to accessibility and preservation of write-in voting records; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 790) of Sean Garballey for legislation to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 791) of Sean Garballey, Jack Patrick Lewis and Tami L. Gouveia relative to age requirements in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 792) of Colleen M. Garry and others relative to the identification requirements for voters; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 793) of Susan Williams Gifford and Norman J. Orrall relative to early voting; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 794) of Tami L. Gouveia, Michael J. Barrett and others for legislation to lower the voting age in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 795) of Danielle W. Gregoire, Susannah M. Whipps and Carmine Lawrence Gentile 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. 796) of Richard M. Haggerty and Christopher Hendricks relative to election ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 797) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to ballot question fiscal transparency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 798) of Russell E. Holmes relative to increasing voter registration and participation of people incarcerated for felony convictions to help prevent recidivism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 801) 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. 802) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to voting options implemented in the 2020 election cycle; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 803) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to decrease the current signature requirements through the 2020 election for certain candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 804) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to provide accessible absentee voting to voters with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and others relative to opportunities, trust, equity, and security for voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 806) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to inactive voters and municipal census administration; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 808) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Rebecca L. Rausch and others for legislation to ensure a complete, accurate, and equitable census count; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Jack Patrick Lewis and Sean Garballey relative to the eligibility of certain seventeen year old persons to vote in preliminary or primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of Robin Chen and Neema Avashia relative to voting age requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 811) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate and report on the inclusion of those under 18 years of age to participate in elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Marc T. Lombardo and Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the identification requirements for certain voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 813) of Elizabeth A. Malia and Tami L. Gouveia relative to election

day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Joseph D. McKenna, Michael J. Soter and Lenny Mirra relative to the apportioning of electoral votes by Congressional district; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Joan Meschino for legislation to allow certain 17 year-old pre-registered voters to vote in primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 816) of Lenny Mirra relative to election law reform; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of Lenny Mirra relative to campaign vendors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 818) of Lenny Mirra relative to the delivery of ballots to certain persons admitted to health care facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 822) 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. 823) of Steven C. Owens relative to campaign disclosure filings of municipal ballot questions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 825) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to providing a local option for ranked choice voting in municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Maria Duaine Robinson, Steven Ultrino and others relative to voter registration for renters and home buyers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 828) of David M. Rogers, Elizabeth A. Malia and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to enable cities and towns to extend voting rights in municipal elections to certain non-citizens of the Commonwealth; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 831) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative amending the charter of the city of Northampton to allow for early mail-in ballots in said city; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 833) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to ballot access for eligible incarcerated individuals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to expanding voting options; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Chynah Tyler, Liz Miranda and others relative to the voting rights of eligible incarcerated people; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 837) of Chynah Tyler, Mindy Domb and others relative to voting rights for convicted felons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 838) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to reimbursements to cities and towns for early voting costs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others relative to limiting political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to political campaign contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to the designation of polling places; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of Andres

X. Vargas, Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 844) of Susannah M. Whipps and others relative to political designations and terminology; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3719) of Tami L. Gouveia and Michael J. Barrett (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. 3783) of Shawn Dooley and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to election integrity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Shawn Dooley and others for legislation to further regulate elections and voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3878) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to establishing identification at the voting polls; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3939) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to include a certain ballot question on the November 2, 2021 municipal ballot; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (with the approval of the city council) relative to voting options for the city of Lowell for the 2021 municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to offer early voting in municipal elections; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3990) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Warwick be authorized to grant non-citizen permanent residents the right to vote in municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4033) of Russell E. Holmes relative to special election scheduling; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4061) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in the town of Wendell; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4139) of Shawn Dooley relative to election campaign electronic expense payments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4140) of Nika C. Elugardo and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish a pilot program relative to furthering voting access for incarcerated persons; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of Guy Alberghini relative to election reform and the posting of certain legislative information on the website of the Executive Branch, reports the accompanying order (House, No. 5026) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DANIEL J. RYAN.

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House of Representatives, September 12, 2022.

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 Senate documents numbered 434, 435, 436,
3 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 453, 454, 455, 457,
4 458, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 468, 469, 473, 474, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483,
5 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491 and 492 and House documents numbered 759, 760, 761,
6 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 771, 775, 776, 779, 780, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788,
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9 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 843, 844, 3719, 3783, 3833, 3878, 3939, 3950, 3983, 3990, 4033, 4061,
10 4139, 4140 and 4141, relative to voting, elections, election security and other election related
11 matters.

12 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
13 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
14 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
15 on or before December 31, 2022.