

SENATE No. 492

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to fairly fund early voting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 492) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to fairly fund early voting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 427 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act to fairly fund early 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 SECTION 1. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:-

3 “(r) The Commonwealth shall reimburse each city and town to the full extent of the
4 amounts expended for mandated early voting procedures and operations. The state treasurer shall
5 annually, on or before July 1st of the year following the election for which reimbursement is
6 being sought, pay to cities and towns, the sums required for such reimbursement and approved
7 by the secretary of state pursuant to section 2 herein. Each city and town may establish an Early
8 Voting Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this
9 section may be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year.”

10 SECTION 2. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
11 inserting in subsection (o) the following at the end thereof:-

12 “including the means to seek, process and approve reimbursement subject to subsection
13 (r)”.