

HOUSE No. 3577

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 uniformity of ballots in polling places.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>11/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3577) of Sean Garballey relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places.

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 44 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Ballots shall be uniform in size, material and content for all voters in a polling place,
4 regardless of whether the ballot is voted on a ballot-marking device or directly on a paper ballot.
5 Ballots shall be tabulated directly from the voter-marked selections and not from a barcode, QR
6 code or other representation not marked by the voter, either on a ballot-marking device or
7 directly on paper.