

HOUSE No. 720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

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 establishing identification at the voting polls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida and others relative to establishing identification at the voting polls. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3878 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act establishing identification at the voting polls.

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. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 67. The state secretary shall issue, upon request and at no cost to the voter, a
4 photo identification card to be used for voting purposes only. Upon determination that a person
5 meets the qualifications of a voter described in section 1, the secretary photograph the voter, and
6 said photograph shall appear on the voting identification card and be a straightforward looking
7 view of the voter without eyeglasses. The identification card shall be clearly marked “FOR
8 VOTING PURPOSES ONLY.”

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
10 76B and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

11 Section 76B. Any person who seeks to vote in a federal, state, local or primary election
12 shall establish their qualification to vote by providing a valid photo identification card,
13 MassHealth card or Medicare card to an election officer prior to voting. Acceptable forms of
14 photo identification shall be a voting identification card issued pursuant to section 67 of chapter
15 51, current driver's license, government employee identification card, pilot's license, military
16 identification, state identification card issued pursuant to section 8E of chapter 90 or United
17 States passport.