

**SENATE . . . . . No. 428**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Liz Miranda*

*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 voting rights restoration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/18/2023</i>

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By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 428) of Liz Miranda, Adam Gomez, Mike Connolly and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to voting rights. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 473 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to voting rights restoration.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to restore voting rights to incarcerated felons, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 1 of chapter 50 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 138 and 139, the following words:-  
3 “, except if by reason of a felony conviction”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the following words:- “or incarcerated in a correctional  
6 facility due to a felony conviction,”.