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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Lipper-Garabedian

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 reforming the composition of the boards of registrars of voters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	*32nd Middlesex*	*1/17/2025*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*2/24/2025*

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By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis relative to the composition of the boards of registrars of voters. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3918* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act reforming the composition of the boards of registrars of voters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 51, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking section 18 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 18. In the original and in each succeeding appointment and in filling vacancies, registrars of voters shall be so appointed as follows: (i) that as nearly as possible the members of the board shall represent the 2 leading political parties and voters with an unenrolled designation, as defined in section 1 of chapter 50 and section 38 of chapter 53; provided, that a city or town clerk need not be enrolled in a political party; and (ii) that in no case shall an appointment to the registrars of voters be made so as to cause the board to have more than 2 members from any established political party or political designation in the Commonwealth, including the city or town clerk.