

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 860**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

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*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 early voting and vote by mail.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 860) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to early voting and vote by mail. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to early voting and vote by mail.

*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, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “election.”, in line 34, the  
3 following words:-The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall develop a mechanism for voters to  
4 opt out of vote by mail mailers.

5           SECTION 2. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6 amended by inserting after the word “paragraph”, in line 257, the following words:-

7           If twenty-five percent or more of the votes cast in the prior state election in any  
8 municipality were by mail, pursuant to this section the mayor of a city or board of selectmen or  
9 select board of a town may opt to reduce or eliminate early voting as authorized by this section .  
10 If twenty-five percent or more of the votes cast in the prior state election in a municipality were  
11 by mail pursuant to this section , the mayor of a city or board of selectmen or select board of a  
12 town may opt to reduce or eliminate early voting pursuant to this section.