

HOUSE No. 865

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 the qualification of voters.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/16/2025</i> |

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By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 865) of David M. Rogers for legislation to further define felony convictions as relates to the disqualification of voters. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 713 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to the qualification 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:

1 Section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word “conviction”, in line 3, the following words:- for a
3 violation of section 13, 13b, 13b ½, 16 or 24 of chapter 265 or for which the person may be
4 punished by imprisonment in a state prison for life.