

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Lipper-Garabedian***

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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 reforming the composition of the boards of registrars of voters.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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

**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 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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
2 striking section 18 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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