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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

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 providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*6/4/2025*

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 195 of the Acts of 2022, an Act Providing for the Election of At-large and District Councilors and School Committee Members in the City of Haverhill, is hereby amended by inserting the following new paragraph at the end of section 2:- No person shall be a candidate for nomination to more than one office at any preliminary election. Any person having taken out and submitted nomination papers for more than one office appearing on the ballot for any preliminary election shall withdraw from one such nomination no later than the last day and hour for withdrawals as established by section 13 of chapter 53 of the General Laws. If a candidate for nomination to more than one office shall neglect to so withdraw by the deadline, they will appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for which they filed nomination papers first in time, as shown by the city time stamp thereon.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and be applicable to city elections beginning with the 2025 biennial municipal election.