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

SENATE, February 9, 2026.

The committee on Election Laws to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 534) of Rebecca L. Rausch and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to upgrade elections infrastructure, improve voting access, and reduce municipal burden, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2936).

For the committee,  
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An Act upgrading elections infrastructure, improving voting access, and reducing municipal burden.

*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 10 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
2 striking out, in lines 20, 21, 32, and 38, the word "thirty-fifth" each time it appears and inserting  
3 in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- forty-second.

4 SECTION 2. Section 26 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
5 striking out, in line 1, the words "forty-two H" and inserting in place thereof the following  
6 word:- 42H.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 26 in said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby further  
8 amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words "thirty-four and fifty" and inserting in place  
9 thereof the following words: 34 and 50.

10 SECTION 4. Said section 26 in said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby further  
11 amended by striking out, in line 14, the words "forty-two G" and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following words:- 42G.

13                   SECTION 5. Section 44 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended, in line 7,  
14    by inserting after the words “voter registration” the following words:- . A person registering as a  
15    voter may, at the same time, establish their status as a permanent mail voter, as provided in  
16    section 25B of chapter 54, by indicating their desire to elect such status on the affidavit of voter  
17    registration.

18                   SECTION 6. Said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section  
19    47C and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

20                   Section 47C. (a) The secretary of state shall maintain a central registry of voters in  
21    accordance with this section.

22                   (b) Information contained in the central registry shall be provided by the registrars or  
23    equivalent in the commonwealth’s cities and towns.

24                   (c) The central registry shall contain, without limitation, the following information about  
25    each registered voter in the commonwealth: (1) full name; (2) former name, if any; (3) residential  
26    address; (4) date of birth; (5) political party enrollment or designation; and (6) effective date of  
27    registration.

28                   (d) The central registry may contain, without limitation, the following information about  
29    residents of the commonwealth age 16 and over: (1) full name; (2) former name, if any; (3)  
30    residential address on January first in the current year; (4) residential address on January first in  
31    the preceding year; (5) date of birth; (6) occupation; (7) veteran status; and (8) nationality, if not  
32    a citizen of the United States, for street list purposes only.

33 (e) The central registry shall be digitally maintained using the most advanced applicable  
34 technology reasonably available to the state secretary.

35 (f) The information contained in the central registry pursuant to paragraph (c) shall be:

36 (1) available to state party committees, statewide candidate committees, state ballot question  
37 committees, the jury commissioner, adjutant general and any other individual, agency or entity  
38 that the state secretary shall designate by regulation consistent with the purposes of this section,  
39 at a fair and reasonable cost not to exceed the cost of printing in hard copy, if requested, or  
40 issuing computer-readable data files; and (2) provided by the state secretary to the election  
41 officials at each polling place in the commonwealth in digital format sufficient to allow for  
42 designated election officials to conduct real-time searches of the registry and to modify a voter's  
43 registration information upon presentation by the voter of appropriate documentation to justify  
44 the modification. The names and addresses contained in the central registry shall not be a matter  
45 of public record.

46 (g) The state secretary shall use all reasonable efforts to secure federal funding to  
47 maintain the central registry consistent with the provisions of this section and provide its  
48 information as required in paragraph (f).

49 (h) The state secretary shall maintain an agreement with the Electronic Registration  
50 Information Center, Inc., or such other system that the Secretary may deem appropriate, on  
51 behalf of the commonwealth that shall specify the terms and conditions of the commonwealth's  
52 membership in the Center. The agreement shall include terms providing for the periodic sharing  
53 of data between the central registry, the registry of motor vehicles and any other automatic voter

54 registration agency as designated by the secretary, and the Center, including, but not limited to,  
55 voter names and addresses.

56 (i) The state secretary shall adopt regulations governing the operation of the central  
57 registry consistent with the provisions of this section.

58 SECTION 7. Section 60 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
59 at the end thereof the following sentence:- An electronic voting list may be used as the primary  
60 voting list by a city or town clerk and at a ward, voting precinct, polling place or town for any  
61 preliminary, primary or election; provided, however, that a paper copy of a voting list may be  
62 used as a primary or duplicate list; and provided further, that the city or town clerk shall have  
63 sole discretion over the format of the voting list used.

64 SECTION 8. Section 65 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
65 striking out subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) and inserting in place thereof the following  
66 paragraph:-

67 (3) The registrars shall notify each person under paragraph (1) of the person's  
68 opportunity to: (i) decline to register to vote; (ii) adopt a political party affiliation, in which case  
69 the person shall also sign an eligibility requirement acknowledgement and attestation; and (iii)  
70 become a permanent mail voter as provided in section 25B of chapter 54. Such notification shall  
71 be provided in English and Spanish and any additional languages to be determined by the state  
72 secretary. The registrars shall include with such notification a postage guaranteed permanent  
73 mail voter status request form, as provided in section 25B of chapter 54.

74                   SECTION 9. Section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
75    Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place  
76    thereof the following paragraph:-

77                   State primaries shall be held on the second Tuesday in June in even-numbered years and  
78    on the fourth Tuesday preceding special state elections, except that primaries before special  
79    elections for senator or representative in congress shall be held on the sixth Tuesday preceding  
80    said elections. If a religious holiday falls on or immediately before the second Tuesday in June in  
81    an even-numbered year, the state primary shall be held on a date set by the general court within  
82    seven days of the second Tuesday in June. The state secretary shall publish the date of the state  
83    primary not later than February 1 of each even-numbered year by: (i) providing notice of the date  
84    to the state parties; (ii) filing notice with the state publications and regulations division; (iii)  
85    posting the information on the website of the state secretary; and (iv) any other means necessary  
86    to ensure proper notification. Presidential primaries shall be held on the first Tuesday in March  
87    in any year in which presidential electors are to be elected. Notwithstanding any provision of law  
88    to the contrary, any town may hold its preliminary or regular town elections on the same date  
89    designated as the date to hold a presidential primary, in any year in which presidential electors  
90    are to be elected, or a state primary, in any even-numbered year, provided that such election is by  
91    a ballot independent of the ballot used for a presidential primary or state primary. City and town  
92    primaries before all city and town elections shall be held on the 28th day preceding such  
93    elections.

94                   SECTION 10. Section 33 of said chapter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
95    adding, in line 3, after the word “printed” the following words:- . If a color has come to be

96 generally known or associated with a political party, the secretary shall use the associated color  
97 for the party's primary ballots.

98 SECTION 11. Section 24 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
99 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word "aldermen" each time it appears and  
100 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- city council.

101 SECTION 12. Said section 24 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
102 amended by striking out the word "selectmen" each time it appears and inserting in place thereof,  
103 in each instance, the following words:- select board or town council.

104 SECTION 13. Section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
105 striking out, in line 24, the words "during the calendar year" and inserting in place thereof the  
106 following words:- for a single calendar year or permanently. Any qualified voter may become a  
107 permanent mail voter by: (i) filing with the state secretary a permanent mail voter status request  
108 in a form prescribed by the secretary and made available in paper and electronic formats; (ii)  
109 indicating their request to establish permanent mail voter status on an affidavit of registration as  
110 provided in section 44 of chapter 51; or (iii) opting into permanent mail voter status using the  
111 secure online portal provided by the state secretary pursuant to this section. A permanent mail  
112 voter who is not enrolled in a political party shall select their desired political party primary  
113 ballot at the time permanent mail voter status is selected; provided, however, that a permanent  
114 mail voter may request a different political party primary ballot for an upcoming election using  
115 the secure online portal provided by the state secretary pursuant to paragraph (6); and provided  
116 further, that the secretary shall prescribe a form and manner for submission of a paper request

117 that may be used by a permanent mail voter who is not enrolled in a political party to select a  
118 different political party primary ballot for an upcoming election.

119 SECTION 14. Said section 25B of chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
120 in paragraph (a)(6) by striking out, in lines 92-96, the words “request that the ballot be mailed to  
121 the voter’s home address, or a different mailing address as designated by the voter, or provided  
122 electronically if the voter is approved to utilize an accessible electronic ballot as an  
123 accommodation under paragraph (4)” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- : (i)  
124 establish and terminate their status as a permanent mail voter; (ii) indicate whether the voter  
125 would like to vote by mail for preliminaries, primaries or elections, or any combination thereof;  
126 (iii) indicate that the voter would like to vote by mail in a single preliminary, primary or election  
127 only; (iv) select a desired political party primary ballot, if the voter is not enrolled in a political  
128 party; and (v) specify or change the physical address to which the ballot shall be mailed or  
129 indicate the ballot should be provided electronically if the voter is approved to utilize an  
130 accessible electronic ballot as an accommodation under paragraph (4).

131 SECTION 15. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
132 amended in paragraph (a)(7)(i) by striking out, in line 109, the words “or (B)” and inserting in  
133 place thereof the following words:- (B) each annual or special municipal or state primary or  
134 election for which they remain qualified to vote; or (C).

135 SECTION 16. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
136 amended by striking out, in line 111, the word “need” and inserting in place thereof the  
137 following word:- shall.

138                   SECTION 17. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
139                   amended by adding, in line 111, after the word “to” the following words:- (A) a voter who is a  
140                   permanent mail voter; (B) a voter who indicated they do not want to vote by mail, for the  
141                   duration of that indication; or (C).

142                   SECTION 18. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
143                   amended in paragraph (a)(7)(ii) by striking out, in line 120, the words “and (E)” and inserting in  
144                   place thereof the following words:- (E) allow a voter to select permanent mail voter status, mail  
145                   voter status for a single calendar year, or mail voting for preliminaries, primaries or elections, or  
146                   any combination thereof; (F) indicate that the voter does not want to vote by mail for a period of  
147                   not less than one nor more than four years; and (G).

148                   SECTION 19. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
149                   amended by striking out, in line 153, the words “appropriate local election officials” and  
150                   inserting in place thereof the following words:- state secretary.

151                   SECTION 20. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
152                   amended by adding, in line 156, after the word “ballot;” the following word:- and.

153                   SECTION 21. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
154                   amended by striking out, in line 156, the word “inner”.

155                   SECTION 22. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
156                   amended by striking out, in line 156, the words “; and (iv) an outer envelope that is pre addressed  
157                   to” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , as well as the address of.

158                   SECTION 23. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
159                   amended by striking out, in line 161, the word “outer”.

160                   SECTION 24. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
161                   amended in paragraph (a)(13) by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
162                   the following paragraph:-

163                   All early voting ballots delivered in person to the office of the city or town clerk, returned  
164                   to a secured municipal drop box for the city or town where the voter is registered or returned  
165                   electronically pursuant to the accommodations granted to a voter by reason of disability under  
166                   paragraph (4) shall be received by the city or town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the  
167                   polls on the day of a preliminary, primary or election. All early voting ballots submitted by mail  
168                   shall be mailed by the voter on or before the day of a preliminary, primary or election and  
169                   accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day thereafter, and shall be processed in accordance with  
170                   section 95. A postmark, if legible, shall be evidence of the time of mailing.

171                   SECTION 25. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
172                   amended by striking out lines 192 to 205, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following  
173                   paragraph:-

174                   (14) Upon receipt of a completed early voting ballot, the local election official shall  
175                   examine the completion of the affidavit on the envelope containing the ballot. If the affidavit has  
176                   been improperly executed or does not sufficiently indicate that the ballot was marked and mailed  
177                   or delivered as required by this section, the local election official shall mark across the face  
178                   thereof “Rejected as defective” and shall notify the voter and send the voter a new ballot. If the  
179                   affidavit has been properly executed, the local election official shall record the date of receipt.

180                   SECTION 26. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
181                   amended in subsection (a) by inserting the following new paragraphs:-

182                   (15) The secretary shall maintain a public facing website for the confirmation of receipt  
183                   and acceptance of early voting ballots. The website shall automatically update based on data  
184                   inputted into the voter registration information system by local election officials. An early voting  
185                   ballot properly received pursuant to paragraph (14) shall be identified as “received” on the  
186                   website. An early voting ballot submitted into a tabulator without issue shall be identified as  
187                   “accepted” on the website.

188                   (16) A voter may terminate their status as a permanent mail voter at any time by: (i) filing  
189                   with the state secretary a permanent mail voter termination request in a form prescribed by the  
190                   secretary and made available in paper and electronic formats; or (ii) so indicating using the  
191                   secure online portal provided by the state secretary pursuant to paragraph (6).

192                   (17) Not later than January 25 in a year in which a presidential primary is held and not  
193                   later than April 25 in other even numbered years, the state secretary shall cause to be issued to  
194                   every permanent mail voter who submitted an email address to the state secretary an email  
195                   message containing a reminder to voters to reverify their mail voting information, including but  
196                   not limited to the address or addresses to which a voter’s ballots should be sent and the requested  
197                   party primary ballot, in the case of voters who are not enrolled in a political party. The email  
198                   message shall include a link to the portal provided by the state secretary pursuant to paragraph  
199                   (6).

200                   (18) Each municipality shall maintain at least 1 secured municipal ballot drop box in a  
201                   public location that is accessible to voters for not less than 12 hours each day, including business

202 hours. A municipality with more than 25,000 registered voters shall maintain at least 1 secured  
203 municipal ballot drop box for each 25,000 registered voters during any voting by mail period.  
204 Locations for municipal ballot drop boxes shall be selected by the city or town clerk to prioritize,  
205 to the extent feasible: (i) proximity to public transportation and availability of parking; (ii)  
206 equitable distribution across population centers; (iii) access for persons with disabilities; and (iv)  
207 use of public buildings. A municipality shall maintain such ballot drop boxes from the earliest  
208 date that ballots become available to voters through the hour fixed for the closing of the polls for  
209 any annual or special municipal or state primary or election. A municipality with fewer than  
210 5,000 registered voters in excess of any 25,000 registered voter increment may apply to the state  
211 secretary for waiver of the requirement to maintain an additional secured municipal ballot drop  
212 box for such population. The state secretary shall grant a waiver application made under this  
213 paragraph upon a determination that the waiver would serve the public interest.

214 SECTION 27. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
215 amended by adding, in line 289, after the word “registrars” the following words:- . A digital list  
216 shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

217 SECTION 28. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
218 amended by striking out, in lines 294-295, the words “and an envelope containing an affidavit,  
219 which shall include a notice of penalties under section 26 of chapter 56”.

220 SECTION 29. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
221 amended by striking out paragraph (b)(8) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-  
222 (8) Upon marking their early voting ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into a tabulator.

223                   SECTION 30. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
224                   amended by striking out paragraph (c)(5) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-  
225                   (5) A voter voting early in person under this subsection shall be provided with a ballot and, upon  
226                   marking their early voting ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into a tabulator.

227                   SECTION 31. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
228                   amended by adding, in line 338, after the word “secretary” the following words:- . A paper list  
229                   may be required to be printed only on the first day of early voting.

230                   SECTION 32. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
231                   amended by adding, in line 342, after the word “death” the following words:- or move to a  
232                   different residence within the commonwealth.

233                   SECTION 33. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
234                   amended by striking out, in line 362, the words “deliver to each city and town” and inserting in  
235                   place thereof the following word:- prepare.

236                   SECTION 34. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
237                   amended by striking out, in line 369, the words “on their reverse”.

238                   SECTION 35. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
239                   amended by striking out, in line 370, the words “; (iii) return envelopes, pre-addressed to” and  
240                   inserting in place thereof the following words:- and the address of.

241                   SECTION 36. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
242                   amended by striking out, in line 372, the figure “(iv)” and inserting in place thereof the following  
243                   figure:- (iii).

244                   SECTION 37. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
245                   amended by adding, in line 378, after the word “tabulator” the following words:- upon receipt or  
246                   at any other time.

247                   SECTION 38. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
248                   amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:-

249                   (l)(1) Not later than February 1 in each even numbered year, the commonwealth shall pay  
250                   to each city and town an amount sufficient to defray 80 per cent of the costs imposed on the city  
251                   or town under the provisions of this section in each even numbered year, including but not  
252                   limited to: (i) additional personnel hired to staff early in person voting; (ii) overtime for hourly  
253                   municipal personnel working outside their normal business hours to staff early in person voting,  
254                   set up or take down early voting polling locations, process early voting by mail ballots, input  
255                   data in the voter registration information system, or perform other essential functions related to  
256                   the operation of a preliminary, primary or election; and (iii) the cost of voting booths, privacy  
257                   screens, high speed tabulators, voter accessibility machines, and other technology essential to the  
258                   operation of a preliminary, primary or election.

259                   (2) Not later than February 1 in each odd numbered year, the state auditor shall determine  
260                   the costs attributed to this section for each city and town during the 3 preceding even numbered  
261                   years and deliver to the state secretary, the chairs of the joint committee on election laws, the  
262                   chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the clerks of the house and  
263                   senate a report stating the total costs for the 3 preceding even numbered years for each city and  
264                   town in the commonwealth, the three-cycle average for each city and town, 80 per cent of that  
265                   average, any anticipated total cost increases in the next even numbered year election cycle, and

266 the data giving rise to those calculations; provided, that the data may be contained in a digital  
267 appendix. The state secretary shall include in his budget recommendations for the then-next  
268 fiscal year a request for an appropriation in an amount equal to the total estimated municipal  
269 costs. The secretary shall distribute to each city or town two disbursements of any such  
270 appropriated funds: an initial disbursement consistent with the provisions of paragraph (1); and a  
271 subsequent disbursement for the remainder of the costs incurred by each city or town. Funds so  
272 distributed to each city or town shall be deposited into the elections operations or other similar  
273 fund of the city or town and shall be expended without further appropriation by the city or town  
274 to satisfy the costs incurred by it under the provisions of this chapter.

275 SECTION 39. Section 43 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
276 striking out, in line 2, the word “surnames” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
277 names.

278 SECTION 40. Section 72 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
279 striking out, in line 3, the word “shall” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- may.

280 SECTION 41. Section 95 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
281 adding, in line 2, after the word “tabulator” the following words:- upon receipt or at any other  
282 time.

283 SECTION 42. Said section 95 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further  
284 amended by adding, in line 35, after the word “the” the following words:- tabulator or.

285 SECTION 43. Said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding, after  
286 section 95, the following new section:-

287                   Section 95A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, city and town  
288                   clerks shall be permitted to remove early voting by mail ballots from their envelopes and deposit  
289                   the ballots into a tabulator or ballot box on any day upon which the ballots are timely received,  
290                   including but not limited to days prior to the close of the voter registration period.

291                   SECTION 44. Section 105 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, appearing in the 2022  
292                   Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 40 by striking out the word “central” and inserting in  
293                   place thereof the following words:- “centralized digital”.

294                   Said section 105 in said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in line 40  
295                   by striking out the word “facilities” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- “facility”.

296                   Said section 105 is said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in line 41  
297                   by striking out the word “ or” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “,”.

298                   Said section 105 is said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in line 41  
299                   by adding after the word “telegraph, ” the following words:- “or secure data transmission,”.

300                   Said section 105 is said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in line 44  
301                   by adding after the word “completed.” the following words:- “The secretary shall post on the  
302                   website of the secretary the vote cast for candidates upon receipt and include.”.

303                   SECTION 45. Said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding, after  
304                   section 162, the following new sections:-

305                   Section 163. The state secretary’s name, photograph, likeness, or other personal  
306                   information shall not be used in any polling place or on any printed voting materials or election  
307                   information, including but not limited to materials about measures and questions submitted to

308 voters consistent with sections 52, 53 and 54 of this chapter, except to be listed on ballots as a  
309 candidate for office.

310 Section 164. Not later than May 1 of every even numbered year, the state secretary shall,  
311 subject to funding, conduct comprehensive, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse voter  
312 education outreach, both digitally and in paper copy. The voter education information contained  
313 in the outreach program shall be updated to reflect any recent changes in elections laws or  
314 implementation.

315 SECTION 46. Not later than December 31, 2025, the state secretary shall approve and  
316 implement upgrades to the central registry and the voter registration information system and  
317 approve and authorize the usage of electronic poll books. The upgraded voter registration  
318 information system shall ensure that all voting methods, including early voting by mail, early  
319 voting in person, and absentee voting, can be tracked together.

320 SECTION 47. There shall be a special commission to examine the automatic voter  
321 registration processes of the commonwealth, including the processes implemented via the  
322 registry of motor vehicles. The commission shall be comprised of the following members: the  
323 president of the Massachusetts town clerks association, or their designee, who shall serve as  
324 chair; the secretary of the commonwealth, or their designee; the registrar of motor vehicles, or  
325 their designee; the chairs of the joint committee on election laws, or their respective designees;  
326 the executive director of common cause Massachusetts; the elections and voting legislative  
327 specialists of the league of women voters of Massachusetts; 2 members appointed by the senate  
328 president, 1 of whom shall represent a voting rights advocacy organization; 2 members appointed  
329 by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be a city clerk in the

330 commonwealth; and not more than 3 additional members to be appointed by the chair. Not later  
331 than April 15, 2026, the commission shall issue a report containing its findings about automatic  
332 voter registration process improvements, including but not limited to any recommended  
333 legislative changes, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairs of the  
334 joint committee on election laws and the clerks of the house and senate. The secretary shall  
335 publish the report on his website.

336 SECTION 48. Not later than June 30, 2026, the state secretary shall mail to all registered  
337 voters at their residential addresses, or mailing addresses if different from their residential  
338 addresses listed in the central registry of voters, a permanent mail voter status request form as  
339 provided in section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws. The mailing shall: (i) include clear  
340 instructions for completing and returning the application; (ii) allow a voter to designate the  
341 mailing address to which their ballots shall be sent; and (iii) be pre-addressed to the local  
342 election official with postage guaranteed.