

# SENATE . . . . . No. 536

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

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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 accountability for defective and spoiled ballots..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 536) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to accountability for defective and spoiled ballots.. Election Laws.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act relative to accountability for defective and spoiled ballots..

*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 105 of Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby  
2   amended by inserting at the end the following:-- " A record of the number of ballots so marked  
3   shall be recorded. If any ballots so marked are subsequently counted, the reasons therefore shall  
4   be documented and available for public inspection."

5           Section 2: Section 81 of Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby  
6   amended by inserting at the end the following:-- "The number of ballots so marked shall be  
7   recorded. The number of any ballots so marked that are subsequently counted shall be recorded,  
8   and the reasons, therefore, shall be documented and available for public inspection."