

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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

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."