

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

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 residential address privacy for candidates on general and primary election ballots.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Steven George Xiarhos</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>6/20/2025</i> |
| <i>Adam J. Scanlon</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>9/23/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | <i>10/7/2025</i> |

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By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation relative to residential address privacy for candidates on general and primary election ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to residential address privacy for candidates on general and primary election 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 34 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word “candidate,” the words “the
3 street and number, if any, of his residence” and inserting in place thereof the following words:–
4 “the city or town for candidates for state office, or the ward, precinct or district for candidates for
5 local office, as applicable”.

6 SECTION 2. Section 106 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
7 amended by striking out, after the words “shall be printed,” the words “the street and number, if
8 any, of his residence” and inserting in place thereof the following words:– “the city or town for
9 candidates for state office, or the ward, precinct or district for candidates for local office, as
10 applicable”.

11 SECTION 3. Section 41 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
12 amended by:

13 (a) striking out, after the words “shall be added,” the words “the name of the city or town
14 where he resides, with the name of the street and number, if any, of his residence” and inserting
15 in place thereof the following words:– “the city or town in which he resides”;

16 (b) striking out, after the words “shall be added,” the words “the name of the street on
17 which he resides, with his street number, if any” and inserting in place thereof the following
18 words:– “the ward or precinct in which he resides”;

19 (c) striking out, after the words “shall be added,” the words “the name of the street on
20 which he resides, with his street number, if any” and inserting in place thereof the following
21 words:– “the precinct or district in which he resides”.

22 SECTION 4. Section 42 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
23 amended by striking out, after the words “shall be placed first on the ballot in alphabetical order
24 according to their surnames; and”, the words “the names and addresses of the candidates” and
25 inserting in place thereof the following words:– “the names and municipalities of residence of
26 the candidates, or the ward, precinct or district in which they reside, as applicable”.