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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1104

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen R. Canessa

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to voter identification at election polls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	*12th Bristol*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
James E. Timilty	*[District]*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Canessa of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1104) of Stephen R. Canessa and others relative to voter identification at polling places. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *565* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to voter identification at election polls.

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

Section 76 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name and his residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, the election officer shall check and repeat the name and address. The election officer will then request the voter to present one of the following forms of identification: a Massachusetts driver's license, a Massachusetts photo identification card, or a United States passport. The election officer then shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked "Challenged Ballots" as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the recording or broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having voted shall be prohibited.