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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1120

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice K. Wolf

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 establishing permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
James B. Eldridge	
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
John J. Binienda	*17th Worcester*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Carlos Henriquez	*5th Suffolk*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*

Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1120) of Alice K. Wolf and others relative to address changes for registered voters in the central registry of voters by the Secretary of State. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the commonwealth.

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

SECTION 1: After section 63 of chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws , the following new section is added:

Section 64: Electronic updating of the annual register of voters and central voter registry by the secretary of the commonwealth.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the commonwealth shall receive data from the Massachusetts registry of motor vehicles and the United States Postal Service, in order to ascertain whether any persons, who otherwise already have a valid and complete affidavit of voter registration, have changed their address within the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At least every three months, the secretary of the commonwealth shall seek information from the registry of motor vehicles and the United States Postal Service. These agencies shall

12 electronically transmit to the secretary of the commonwealth information for persons who have
13 changed their address in the past year, including, where available:

14 (i) Name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, identification # (driver's
15 license number or last 4 digits of social security number), and telephone number; and

16 (ii) Date, time, and nature of the last change to the information;

17 (iii) Any additional information designated by the secretary of the commonwealth for
18 such purposes and reasonably related to the management of elections;

19 (iv) If information is sent because it has changed since the last transmission from the
20 source agency, the source agency shall transmit both the new information and the old
21 information, labeled accordingly.

22 If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the central registry of
23 voters as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more recent update to
24 the person's name or address, the secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that the person's
25 records in the central registry of voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate
26 municipal registrars to update the person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.

27 The secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that each voter whose address is
28 changed in the central registry of voters is promptly sent written notice of the change. Any
29 notice required by this section may be sent with other notices required or permitted by law.

30 SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect 1 year from the date of passage.