## 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

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.

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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
- 2 following new section is added:
- 3 Section 64: Electronic updating of the annual register of voters and central voter registry
- 4 by the secretary of the commonwealth.
- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the
- 6 commonwealth shall receive data from the Massachusetts registry of motor vehicles and the
- 7 United States Postal Service, in order to ascertain whether any persons, who otherwise already
- 8 have a valid and complete affidavit of voter registration, have changed their address within the
- 9 commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- At least every three months, the secretary of the commonwealth shall seek information
- 11 from the registry of motor vehicles and the United States Postal Service. These agencies shall

- electronically transmit to the secretary of the commonwealth information for persons who have changed their address in the past year, including, where available:
- (i) Name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, identification # (driver's
  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;
- (iv) If information is sent because it has changed since the last transmission from the
  source agency, the source agency shall transmit both the new information and the old
  information, labeled accordingly.
- If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the central registry of voters as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more recent update to the person's name or address, the secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that the person's records in the central registry of voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate municipal registrars to update the person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.
- The secretary of the commonwealth shall ensure that each voter whose address is changed in the central registry of voters is promptly sent written notice of the change. Any 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.