

HOUSE No. 1969

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cory Atkins

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 residency requirements in local elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cory Atkins

Ellen Story

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Middlesex

3rd Hampshire

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1969) of Cory Atkins and Ellen Story relative to residency requirements in local elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 552 OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to residency requirements in local elections.

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. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3 “Every permanent legal resident eighteen years of age or older, not being a person under
4 guardianship or incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction, and not being
5 temporarily or permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to
6 elections, who is a resident in the city or town where he or she claims the right to vote at the time
7 he or she registers, and who has complied with the requirements of this chapter, may have his or
8 her name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may vote therein in any election
9 for officers in such city or town.”