

HOUSE No. 2729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 state ballots .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Andrew Bergamini</i>	<i>78 Graniteville Road</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2729) of James Arciero, Cleon H. Turner and Andrew Bergamini for legislation to provide unenrolled voters with a unified ballot containing all candidates in state primary elections. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to state 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: Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts general laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new subsection, Section 45A;

3 Section 45A. Any registered voter of the commonwealth who is not enrolled in a
4 recognized political party will have the right and opportunity to receive a unified ballot at all
5 state primary elections in which all candidates for party nomination are to be selected. This
6 ballot shall contain all the candidates for each office and their political affiliation listed in a
7 group by each office sought, in which the unenrolled voter may select from the various
8 candidates regardless of their political party affiliation. The registered voter may only vote for
9 one candidate per office. The secretary of the commonwealth shall establish the rules and
10 regulations in regards to this right.