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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3115

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 a task force on election day registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3115) of Anne M. Gobi and others for legislation to establish an election day registration task force (including members of the General Court) to undertake a study of election day registration. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *564* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a task force on election day registration.

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

1 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established
2 an election day registration task force. (a) Said task force shall undertake a study of election day
3 registration. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of : (1) the state and local
4 costs of implementing said proposal, the costs of increasing access to the Central Registry of
5 Voters, and the availability of federal funding through the Help America Vote Act; (2) the
6 administrative requirements for adopting such a system, including their impact upon poll
7 operations and upon the operation of municipal clerks' offices on election day; (3) the possibility
8 of fraud; (4) the effects upon finalizing a vote and possible recounts; and (5) the effects of other
9 proposed election changes. (b) The task force shall complete its study and submit its final report
10 in writing to the joint committee on election laws no later than September 30, 2009. (c) The task
11 force shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on election laws, the

12 speaker of the house of representatives or his designee, the president of the senate or her
13 designee, the house minority leader or his designee, the senate minority leader or his designee,
14 the state secretary or his designee (who shall serve as chair of the task force), the chairs of the
15 house and the senate ways & means committees, the state auditor or his designee, the director of
16 the office on disability or her designee, 2 representatives of the Massachusetts Town Clerks
17 Association, at least 1 of whom shall be a town clerk of a town of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants, 2
18 representatives of the Massachusetts City Clerks Association, and 1 representative of each of the
19 following groups: the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the League of Women Voters of
20 Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Chapter of the NAACP, Common Cause, and MassVOTE.
21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. , therefore it is hereby declared to be an
22 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.