

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.830

Title: *An Act relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars*

Sponsor(s): Rep. William Galvin (*Canton*); by request of John J. Costa, Jr.

Hearing Date: June 17, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 16, 2025

Prior History: 2023-24 (H.683); Ordered to study
2021-22 (H4952); Ordered to study

Similar Matters: N/A

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 51 § 6 – Street lists: Requires local registrars to prepare annual lists of all residents aged 17 or older by April 15, organized by street or alphabetically, and by voting subdivision in larger communities. By June 15, they must provide these lists free to political candidates and committees upon request, while business or nonpolitical groups may obtain them for a fee and must sign a log to track distribution.

M.G.L. c. 51 § 7 – Form, content, and distribution of street lists:

Outlines the detailed voter information that must appear on the street lists prepared under Section 6, including building addresses, names, dates of birth, occupations, citizenship status, and residences for both the current and previous year. Registered voters are marked with a symbol (like an asterisk), and these lists, or computerized versions like tapes or mailing labels, must be made available to local party committee chairs, with reasonable fees set by the state secretary for digital formats.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits local registrars from listing the age and occupation of residents listed on street lists.