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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1112

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna O'Connell

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act permitting candidates to appoint poll watchers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	☐ *[District]* ☐
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1112) of Shaunna O'Connell and others that candidates for public office be authorized to appoint poll watchers to observe the sealing of ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act permitting candidates to appoint poll watchers.

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. Section 105 of Chapter 54, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “seal up the same” the following: -

“with a zip tie that has a unique serial number”

Section 2. Section 107 of chapter 54, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new language:

Each candidate for public office may appoint one poll watcher to observe the sealing of the ballots after the polls have closed. Such supervision may not be precluded by any election officer. Upon completion of the sealing of the ballots, the Warden shall provide the serial number of the zip tie used to seal the ballots to any poll watcher upon request.