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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*

Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *296* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act to establish permanent voter registration for registered voters who move within the Commonwealth.

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: After Section 63 of Chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws , the following new Section is added:

"Section 64: Electronic Updating of the Annual Register of Voters and Central Voter Registry by the State Secretary.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the State Secretary shall obtain data from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and the United States Postal Service, in order to ascertain whether any persons, who otherwise already have a valid and complete affidavit of voter registration, have changed their address within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At least every three months, the State Secretary shall seek such information from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the US Postal Service. These agencies shall electronically transmit to the State Secretary information for persons who have changed their address within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the past three months, including, where available:

(i) Name, Current Address, Mailing Address, Date of Birth, Identification # (Driver's License Number or Last 4 digits of Social security Number), Telephone Number

(ii) Date, time, and nature of the last change to the information; and

(iii) Any additional information designated by the State Secretary for such purposes and reasonably related to the management of elections.

(iv) If information is sent because it has changed since the last transmission from the source agency, the source agency shall transmit both the new information and the old information, labeled accordingly.

If the information transferred reflects a person already included in the Central Registry of Voters as a duly registered voter, and if the information reliably indicates a more recent update to the person's name or address than is currently contained in the Central Registry of Voters, the State Secretary shall ensure that the person's records in the Central Registry of Voters are updated accordingly, and shall alert the appropriate municipal registrars to update the person's records in their annual register of voters accordingly.

The State Secretary shall ensure that each voter whose address is changed in the Central Registry of Voters is promptly sent written notice of the change and their new voting location. Any notice required by this section may be sent with other notices required or permitted by law."

SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect 1 year from the date of passage.