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SENATE . . . . . No. 299

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 relative to voter registration..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	☐ *[District]* ☐
Patricia D. Jehlen	☐ *[District]* ☐
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 299) of Cynthia S. Creem, Patricia D. Jehlen, Edward F. Coppinger, Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation relative to voter registration. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *338* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to voter registration..

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: Chapter 51 of the General Law, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 36 the following new section:-

Section 36A: (1) Each public high school may designate a location where students may receive voter registration forms. A public high school offering voter registration services may inform students of the right to complete a voter registration form, inform students that the decision to register to vote shall have no bearing on high school records and shall not inquire or keep records pertaining to any students eligibility to vote. Whenever possible, public high schools shall place a link on their internet webpage to the Secretary of State Elections Division Office for individuals to learn about the qualifications to vote, and to download a voter registration form.

(2) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011; provided however, that the provisions of this act shall only apply to school districts on and after July 1, 2011.