

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00209**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

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*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 bill:

An Act to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*9th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Thomas M. Stanley of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00209) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to remove restrictions on absentee voting.. Joint Committee on Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 574 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

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

1 Chapter 54, Section 86 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by deleting  
2 the following: -  
3 “ is absent from the city of town where he is a voter by reason of being a specially qualified voter  
4 as defined in section one of chapter fifty, or his employment in another community, attendance at  
5 any institution of higher education or for any other reason or who will be unable to by reason of  
6 physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place or who for reasons of religious  
7 belief.”