

HOUSE No. 2099

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the participation in ERIC.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Angelo M. Scaccia

14th Suffolk

William F. Galvin

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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By Representative Scaccia of Boston and Galvin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2099) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin relative to Registry of Motor Vehicles participation in the Electronic Registration Information Center . Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the participation in ERIC.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is
2 amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 47D. The registry of motor vehicles, and any other state agency, shall provide
4 data, as deemed necessary by the state secretary, for the purposes of maintaining accurate and
5 complete voter lists. At least every 2 months, the registry of motor vehicles, and any other state
6 agency the secretary designates, shall electronically transmit to the secretary all data as directed
7 by the secretary and relevant to the purposes of voter registration, including, if available, the
8 following record fields: (i) name, current address, mailing address, date of birth, driver’s license
9 number and/or last 4 digits of the social security number, and telephone number; (ii) date, time,
10 and nature of the last change to the information; and (iii) any additional information designated
11 by the state secretary for such purposes and reasonably related to maintaining accurate and
12 complete voter lists.

13 The secretary shall provide the names and addresses and other data contained in said
14 central registry, as well as information received from the registry of motor vehicles and any other
15 agency received for the purpose of maintaining accurate and complete voting lists, to the
16 Electronic Registration Information Center (“ERIC”) after entering into a binding legal
17 agreement with ERIC specifying the terms and conditions of Massachusetts’s membership in the
18 Center.

19 The secretary shall implement if practicable a centralized system to manage and evaluate
20 data received from ERIC to send mailings to voters centrally rather than from the local level. In
21 the absence of such central management, if any actions regarding possibly inaccurate
22 information in the voter registry requires any action by the registrars, the secretary shall provide
23 any such information to the registrars in electronic form and in a manner minimizing data
24 management at the local level.