

HOUSE No. 03227

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan Fattman

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 ensure voter privacy and security.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ryan Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard Bastien</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Fattman of Sutton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3227) of Swan and others relative to translation services provided to voters Joint Committee on Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act to ensure voter privacy and security.

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. Section 79 of Chapter 54, as so appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby
- 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following language:
- 3 A voter who is unable to speak English in a city or town which does not provide a translated
- 4 ballot in the voter’s native language may be provided translation services by any present non-
- 5 profit representative, provided that such services are performed under the supervision of a
- 6 certified election worker and take place at the registration table. Under no circumstances may an
- 7 individual other than one designated by the voter enter into the voting booth for the purpose of
- 8 translating a ballot.