

HOUSE No. 3713

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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 ballots for state general elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Tami L. Gouveia</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Blais</i> | <i>1st Franklin</i> |
| <i>Nika C. Elugardo</i> | <i>15th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |

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By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3713) of Mindy Domb and others relative to ballots for state general elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to ballots for state general elections.

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 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 40 the following section:-

3 Section 40A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all ballots for
4 the election of candidates to any state office shall include, for each office to be filled, blank
5 spaces for the insertion of other names equal to the number of persons to be chosen for such
6 office, and such blank spaces shall be clearly marked with a line and the designation “write-in
7 candidate”.

8 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2020.