

HOUSE No. 552

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cory Atkins

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 relative to residency requirements in local elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 628 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS IN LOCAL 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 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3 “Every permanent legal resident eighteen years of age or older, not being a person under guardianship or
4 incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction, and not being temporarily or
5 permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, who is a resident in
6 the city or town where he or she claims the right to vote at the time he or she registers, and who has
7 complied with the requirements of this chapter, may have his or her name entered on the list of voters in
8 such city or town, and may vote therein in any election for officers in such city or town.”