

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 558**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Brian M. Ashe*

*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 absentee ballots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Brian M. Ashe*

*2nd Hampden*

*Denise Provost*

*27th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 558) of Brian M. Ashe and Denise Provost relative to absentee ballots. Election Laws.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to absentee ballots.

*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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 89 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 89A.

4 Records identifying any voter who has applied to vote by absentee ballot shall be kept  
5 confidential and shall not be considered a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7  
6 of chapter 4 until the ballot has been returned; provided, however, that election officials may use  
7 these records in the proper discharge of their duties.