

HOUSE No. 604

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

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 accessibility and preservation of write in voting records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACCESSIBILITY AND PRESERVATION OF WRITE-IN VOTING RECORDS.

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, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 111, the following section:-

3 Section 111A. The city or town clerk shall maintain the count of all votes cast in all elections for
4 all candidates including the names and tally of recipients of write-in votes; provided, that the
5 clerk shall retain such record consistent with the requirements of this chapter. The names of
6 recipients of write-in votes shall be available upon request. The clerk shall furnish a copy of said
7 names to the person making the request on payment of a reasonable fee or shall allow such
8 person to examine and copy said names without charge under such supervision as the clerk may
9 reasonably require.