

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 645**

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**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 primary elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</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>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th 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. 645) of Mindy Domb and others relative to ballots for state primary elections. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to ballots for state primary 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Section 34 of  
2 Chapter 53 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 striking out, in line 64, the words “where there are fewer names than there are persons to be  
4 chosen, blank spaces shall be provided, equal in number to the deficiency, for the insertion of  
5 other names” and inserting in place thereof the following text: - "blank spaces equal to the  
6 number of persons to be chosen shall be provided for the insertion of other names." This blank  
7 space will be represented by a line clearly marked as “write-in candidate.”