

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00299**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 voter registration..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward Copping</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 299) of Peisch, Smizik, Coppinger and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to voter registration [Joint Committee on Election Laws].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 338 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to voter registration..

*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 Law, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 36 the following new section:-

3 Section 36A: (1) Each public high school may designate a location where students may  
4 receive voter registration forms. A public high school offering voter registration services may  
5 inform students of the right to complete a voter registration form, inform students that the  
6 decision to register to vote shall have no bearing on high school records and shall not inquire or  
7 keep records pertaining to any students eligibility to vote. Whenever possible, public high  
8 schools shall place a link on their internet webpage to the Secretary of State Elections Division

9 Office for individuals to learn about the qualifications to vote, and to download a voter  
10 registration form.

11 (2) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011; provided however, that the provisions of  
12 this act shall only apply to school districts on and after July 1, 2011.