

SENATE No. 318

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 promoting voter registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 318) of James B. Eldridge, Denise Andrews, Sal N. DiDomenico, Carolyn C. Dykema and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote voter registration. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act promoting 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 14 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 12. The department of revenue shall act as a “registration agency” as defined in
4 section 1 of chapter 50 and shall perform all duties established under state and federal law
5 therefor. Application forms and procedures used by the registry shall comply with the provisions
6 of 42 USC 1973 gg-3 and 1973 gg-5 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, as may be
7 amended from time to time.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
9 section:-

10 Section 64. Registration as a voter shall be by affidavit of registration made in conformity
11 with the requirements of this chapter. Every person who files or is required to file an individual
12 income tax return as a resident of the commonwealth, either separately or jointly with a spouse,
13 shall indicate on the return, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue and the
14 secretary of the commonwealth, whether such person desires to be registered to vote at the
15 address on the return. Such indication shall be considered an affidavit of registration as provided
16 in this chapter and in the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.