

SENATE No. 389

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 requiring photo identification to receive a ballot.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 389) of Richard J. Ross, Shawn Dooley, Leonard Mirra, Stephen L. DiNatale and other members of the General Court for legislation to require photo identification to receive a ballot. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 335 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act requiring photo identification to receive a ballot.

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. Section 76 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting the
3 following words:-

4 Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall provide a name, residential
5 address, and valid photo identification. Valid forms of photo identification are: a Massachusetts
6 driver’s license, U.S. Passport, Student ID, or Massachusetts ID card. If a voter needs to obtain
7 valid identification, a Massachusetts ID card will be issued at no cost by the Department of
8 Transportation’s Registry of Motor Vehicles. If such name is found on the voting list, the
9 election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall admit the voter to the space enclosed
10 by the guard rail and, in case of official ballots, other than those marked "Challenged Ballots" as

11 provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of
12 electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the
13 recording or broadcasting of the names of the voters not yet checked as having voted shall be
14 prohibited.

15 SECTION 2. Section 76B of chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
16 out, in line 2, the words “when so requested by an election officer”.