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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Paul K. Frost**

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*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 verification of citizenship when registering to vote.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to verification of citizenship when registering to vote.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION1. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 4 the following section:—
Section 4A. Any person registering to vote for the first time in the Commonwealth shall provide verification of U.S. citizenship. Such verification shall include one of the following: a birth certificate, passport or United States naturalization papers.
Any person who transfers, alters, or defaces any such card or license or who makes, uses, carries, sells, or distributes a false identification for the purposes of voting illegally shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.