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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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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 overseas absentee voting.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to overseas absentee voting.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 91B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 4 the words, “subsections (b) and (c),” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- subsections (b), (c), and (d),.

SECTION 2. Section 91B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

(d) To a voter qualified under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 USC section 1973ff-2), the ballot may be delivered electronically by fax, e-mail, or secure website. The secretary of state may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 95 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 39 the words “tenth”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- twentieth

SECTION 4. Section 99 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6 the words “ten”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- twenty