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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone Creem**

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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 relating to polling locations.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Cynthia Stone Creem | First Middlesex and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00448 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relating to polling locations.

 *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. Section 48 of chapter 54, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the penultimate sentence, "All permanent voting places and voting registration sites shall conspicuously display voter registration instructions as well as instructions as to the procedure for filing a complaint under 950 CMR 51.02. These instructions shall be in English and the prevailing language of a particular community."

SECTION 2. Section 44 of chapter 54, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the penultimate sentence, "The State Secretary shall deliver a copy of the ballot in an accessible format to allow persons who are blind and legally blind to vote independently."