

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

**[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Barry R. Finegold**

*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 to require voter identification.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	17th Essex
David M. Torrasi	14th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4704 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO REQUIRE VOTER IDENTIFICATION.

*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.**   Notwithstanding section 59 of Chapter 51, sections 35A, 76, 76B, 85, and  
2 85A of Chapter 54 and sections 29, 30 and 31 of Chapter 56 of The General Laws or any other  
3 general or special law or rule to the contrary, each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall  
4 give his name and his residence and shall produce a valid photographic identification of the  
5 type approved by The Lawrence Board of Registrars. Proper identification shall be a valid  
6 Massachusetts Driver's License, a valid photographic identification card issued by the  
7 Commonwealth of Massachusetts or a valid United States Passport. If such name is found on  
8 the voting list the election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall admit the voter to  
9 the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked  
10 "Challenged Ballots" as provided by said section 35A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, are  
11 used, such voter shall be given one ballot.

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13           **SECTION 2.**   Any person desiring to vote who fails to present suitable photographic  
14 identification when so requested by an election officer, shall be permitted to vote, provided,  
15 however, that such person's right to vote may be challenged under section 85 of Chapter 54 of  
16 The General Laws.

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18 **SECTION 3.** Upon passage this act shall become effective as a mandatory requirement for all  
19 voters in the year 2008 and thereafter.

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21 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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