

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Paul K. Frost**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul K. Frost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 648 OF 2007-2008.]

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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:*

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