

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*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 the street list.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STREET LIST.

*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. Section 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section  
2 11 of chapter 384 of the acts of 2000, is hereby amended by striking out said section 4 and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 4. (a) Registrars, assistant registrars, or boards having similar duties under any general or  
5 special law, except in the city of Boston, shall annually in January or February visit or  
6 communicate with the residents of each building in their respective cities and towns and, after  
7 diligent inquiry, shall make true lists containing, as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date  
8 of birth, occupation, veteran status, nationality, if not a citizen of the United States, and residence  
9 on January 1 of the preceding year, and the current year, of each person residing in their  
10 respective cities and towns. Said lists and the information contained therein shall not be a matter  
11 of public record, provided however, that said lists shall, upon written request, be available for  
12 federal, state and local governmental use. A list of all persons under 21 years of age, inclusive,  
13 shall be transmitted by the board of registrars to the respective school committee not later than

14 April 1 of each year. The list shall contain the name, residence and age or date of birth of each  
15 such person, but said names shall not be disclosed to any person other than the respective school  
16 committee or board of trustees of a county agricultural school or their designated representatives.  
17 That proportion of any expenses incurred by the registrars under this section, equal to the  
18 proportion that the number of persons under 17 years of age bears to the total number of persons  
19 listed thereunder, shall be carried as an item in the school committee budget.

20 (b) In the city of Boston, the registrars, assistant registrars or boards having similar duties under  
21 any general or special law, shall annually in January or February visit or communicate with the  
22 residents of each building in said city and, after diligent inquiry, shall make true lists containing,  
23 as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date of birth, occupation, veterans status, nationality if  
24 not a citizen of the United States, and residence on January 1 of the preceding year and the  
25 current year, of each person 17 years of age or older residing in said city. Said lists and the  
26 information contained therein shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that said  
27 lists shall, upon written request, be available for federal, state and local governmental use.

28 (c) In any city or town which communicates with residents by mail for the purposes of obtaining  
29 such information, the communication shall state in boldface type on the postcard, envelope and  
30 printed material contained in such communication the following statement: "Warning: Failure to  
31 respond to this mailing shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in  
32 removal from the voter registrations rolls." Registrars, assistant registrars or boards in such  
33 cities or towns communicating with residents by mail for the purposes of obtaining such  
34 information may require a response under the penalties of perjury.

35 (d) The name and address of any person who provides the registrars with a copy of a court order  
36 granting protection, or evidence of residence in a protective shelter, or an affidavit signed by a  
37 chief of police or his designee that said person is entitled to have certain information withheld  
38 from the public under section 24C of chapter 265, shall not appear on the street list and such  
39 names shall not be disclosed to any person. The information collected under this section  
40 regarding a person's status as a veteran shall not be a public record and shall only be disclosed to  
41 the adjutant general and commissioner of veterans' services.

42 SECTION 2. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is  
43 hereby amended by striking out section 6 in its entirety

44 SECTION 3. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
45 out section out 7 in its entirety.

46 SECTION 4. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding to the end of  
47 section 11, as so appearing, the following sentence:- Said book and the information contained  
48 therein shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that said book shall, upon  
49 written request, be available for federal, state and local governmental use.

50 SECTION 5. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 47C, as  
51 so appearing, and inserting in place hereof the following:- Section 47C, Subject to appropriation,  
52 the state secretary shall maintain a central registry of voters which shall contain, if provided by  
53 the registrars, the names, addresses and effective dates of registration of all registered voters in  
54 the commonwealth and which shall contain the name, date of birth, occupation, nationality, if not  
55 a citizen of the United States, for street list purposes only, and residence on January first in the

56 preceding year and the current year, of every person in the commonwealth, and shall adopt  
57 regulations governing the operation of said central registry. All information contained in said  
58 central registry shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that all such  
59 information shall be available to the jury commissioner; that veteran status information shall be  
60 available to the adjutant general and the commissioner of veterans' services; and that information  
61 regarding the names, addresses, political designations and effective dates of registration of  
62 registered voters shall be available to state party committees, statewide candidate committees,  
63 state ballot question committees, and any other individual, agency or entity that the state  
64 secretary shall designate by regulation consistent with the purposes of this section, at fair and  
65 reasonable cost not to exceed the cost of printing or preparing computer readable documents.