

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard R. Tisei

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 voter identification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard R. Tisei

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00464 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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. Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 76 and inserting in place thereof a new section 76:-

3 Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name and his
4 residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, who shall
5 thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the election
6 officer shall check and repeat the name and shall require the voter to show identification.
7 Acceptable forms of identification shall be a social security card or any other pre-printed form of
8 identification providing the name and either address, signature, or photograph. After the voter's
9 identification has been verified, the election officer shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by
10 the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked "Challenged Ballots" as
11 provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of
12 electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the
13 recording or broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having voted shall be
14 prohibited.

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