

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brown, Scott (SEN)

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 requiring photo identification to receive a ballot

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Brown, Scott (SEN)	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Mr. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Mr. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Mr. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Mr. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00440 OF .]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO RECIEVE A BALLOT.

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 76 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting
3 the following words:-

4 Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name, valid photo
5 identification and his residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard
6 rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list,
7 the election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall admit the voter to the space
8 enclosed by the guard rail and, in case of official ballots, other than those marker “Challenged
9 Ballots” as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The
10 use of electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipments for
11 the recording or broadcasting of the names of the voters not yet checked as having voted shall be
12 prohibited.

13 SECTION 2. Section 76B of Chapter 54, as so appearing is here by amended by striking out after
14 the words “suitable written identification” the following:- when so requested by