

HOUSE No. 639

By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition of James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to regulate the sealing of ballots and voting lists in conducting elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

James B. Eldridge
Viriato Manuel deMacedo

Demetrius J. Atsalis
Thomas J. Calter

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTING EQUIPMENT.

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 33 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking the words “receiving, registering, and
3 canceling” in the second sentence and replacing it with “receiving
4 and registering.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 105A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking the eighth paragraph and replacing it
3 with the following:—
4 “The counted ballots, absentee ballots and other, shall be sealed in
5 separate containers and labeled as such. The unused ballots shall be
6 sealed in separate containers and labeled as such. They shall be
7 transmitted, in accordance with the provisions of Section one hun-
8 dred and seven, to the office of the city or town clerk forthwith. The
9 voting lists shall also be sealed in separate envelopes and transmitted
10 to the office of the city or town clerk.”

1 SECTION 3. Section 105A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking the words “or container” in the third
3 sentence and replacing it with “,container or containers.” Section
4 107 is further amended by inserting the word “separate” in the fourth

5 sentence after the word “or” and before the word “container.”
6 Section 107 is further amended by striking the sixth sentence and
7 replacing it with the following:—

8 “He shall forthwith personally deliver to the city or town clerk or
9 transmit to him, by the police officer or constable in attendance at
10 the election, the separate containers containing the ballots cast and
11 the ballots not cast, the voting lists, the ballot box, the ballot box
12 seals and counting apparatus.”

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.