

HOUSE No. 652

By Representative Hall of Westford and Senator Panagiotakos, joint petition of Rose Marie Koester, Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos for legislation to require the presentation of identification for voting. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Rose Marie Koester
Geoffrey D. Hall

Steven C. Panagiotakos

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 76B and inserting
3 in place thereof the following new section:

4 Section 76B. Any person desiring to vote in an election in the
5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall provide the election officer
6 at the polling place information confirming their identity. Such
7 information may include, but shall not be limited to, a valid driver's
8 license, birth certificate, fishing or hunting license, student identifi-
9 cation card from a post-secondary education institution in the Com-
10 monwealth or such other documentation which establishes the
11 applicant's identity, age and residency.

12 Any person failing to provide the proper identification and infor-
13 mation requested by an election officer shall be permitted to vote;
14 provided, however, that the ballot shall be kept separate and such
15 person's right to vote may be challenged under section eighty-five.