

HOUSE No. 686

By Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, petition of Anthony Petruccelli and William F. Galvin relative to voter registration for program participants. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

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 9A of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following language after section 7:

4 § 8 Voter Registration for Program Participants.

5 A program participant may register to vote as a confidential voter
6 pursuant to G. L. c. 51, §§ 4, 44. To qualify as a confidential voter, a
7 program participant must disclose his or her residential address to
8 the registrar of voters, which shall not be a public record.

9 Registrars, assistant registrars or boards having similar duties
10 under any special or general law, shall not place on the street list or
11 annual register or disclose to any person the name and residence of a
12 voter providing the registrars with proof that he or she is a program
13 participant.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4(d) of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding
3 in line 34 the words “or a program participant in the Address Confi-
4 dentiality Program established by General Laws chapter 9A” after
5 “chapter 265” and before “shall.”

1 SECTION 3. Section 44 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding

3 in line 8 the words “or a program participant in the Address Confi-
4 dentiality Program established by General Laws chapter 9A” after
5 “chapter 265” and before “shall.”