

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4040**

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By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition of Brian S. Dempsey and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the use of voting machines in the city of Haverhill. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PETITION OF:

Steven A. Baddour  
Harriett L. Stanley

Barbara A. L'Italien  
Brian S. Dempsey

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES IN THE CITY OF  
HAVERHILL.

*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. Notwithstanding the provisions of General Law  
2 Chapter 54, Section 34, or any general or special law to the contrary,  
3 the City of Haverhill, by vote of a majority of the city council, at a  
4 meeting held not later than forty-five days prior to a state primary or  
5 state election, and not later than sixty days prior to a municipal pre-  
6 liminary election or election at which an electronic voting system is  
7 first to be used, determine upon the use of, and may lease, purchase,  
8 or least with an option to purchase, the marking units or automatic  
9 tabulating equipment necessary to any electronic voting system  
10 approved for use in the commonwealth in accordance with section  
11 thirty-two. Thereafter, at all primaries, preliminary elections and  
12 elections held in said city, until otherwise ordered by vote of the city  
13 council, said electronic voting system shall be used in those polling  
14 places designated by the city council.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.