

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 588**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

*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:  
Proposal For a legislative amendment to the constitution authorizing the general court to provide for absentee voting by any voter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## *PROPOSAL for a legislative amendment to the Constitution*

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article . Article XLV of the Amendments to Constitution, as appearing in Article CV of the Amendments, is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in place thereof:-

Article XLV. The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting, in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at an election, by any qualified voter of the commonwealth by absentee ballot.