

Initiative petition for a law to make participation in elections more accessible by implementing same-day voter registration

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

SECTION 1. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section after Section 34:

Section 34A. Election day registration.

(a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register to vote by appearing in person at the polling place, during the hours it is open for voting, for the precinct in which the individual is a resident, or by appearing in person at an early voting site for the city or town in which the individual is a resident during the hours it is open for voting, by completing an affidavit of registration, by presenting proof of residence, and by making a written oath which shall be as follows: I certify that I: am a citizen of the United States; am at least 18 years old; am not temporarily or permanently disqualified to vote by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections; have not and will not vote in any other location within the commonwealth or elsewhere; and understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

(b) As used in this section, the term “proof of residence” means one of the following, so long as it includes the name of the applicant and the address from which the registrant is registering:

(i) a valid photo identification including, but not limited to, a Massachusetts driver’s license or other state-issued identification card; or

(ii) other documentation demonstrating the name and address where the registrant is a resident and seeks to register including, but not limited to, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, residential lease agreement, wireless telephone statement, paycheck, other government document or correspondence, a current student fee statement or other document from a post-secondary educational institution that verifies the student’s current address.

(c) Upon compliance with subsection (a), an election officer shall permit the registrant to vote at that primary or election. Any person who registers to vote under this section shall be registered as a voter at all later primaries and elections, subject to this chapter.

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(d) A registrant who fails to present suitable proof of residence shall be permitted to deposit a provisional ballot under section 76C of chapter 54, but shall within 2 business days after the primary or within 6 days after the election present sufficient proof of residence to the city or town clerk.

(e) The registrars may correct information supplied by the registrant to the extent necessary to maintain the integrity of their records. If an affidavit is incomplete or if it appears from the facts set forth in the affidavit that the registrant is not qualified to register as a voter, the registrars shall proceed in accordance with section 47 of chapter 51 of the General Laws.

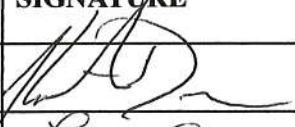
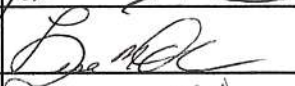
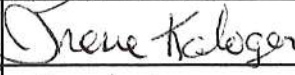
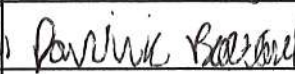
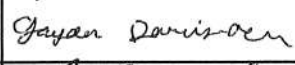
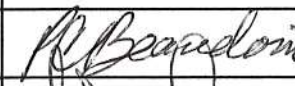
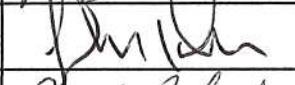

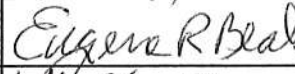
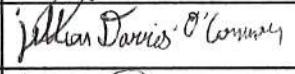
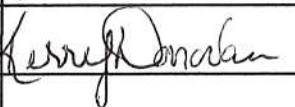
(f) As soon as practicable after the election, the registrars shall add the registrant's name, address and effective date of registration to the annual register of voters.

(g) Upon credible information or allegation of illegal voter registration, or credible information or allegation of illegal multiple voting, the attorney general or the appropriate district attorney shall investigate the information or allegation. Nothing in this subsection shall exclude enforcement by any means otherwise provided by law.

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Petition Signatures

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Katherine Darris		14 Forest Park Ave N. Billerica MA	7-25-2023
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