

By Mr. Sears of Boston (by request), petition of Gary L. Curran for the issuance by registrars of voters of identification cards to persons now duly registered to vote in the Commonwealth and persons who become so registered in the future. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO PERSONS NOW DULY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO BECOME DULY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE COMMONWEALTH HENCEFORTH.

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 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 2 an additional section to be called 2A
3 and to read as follows:—

4 *Section 2A.* The registrars of voters in every city and town
5 shall issue a voter identification card to each person duly regis-
6 tered to vote therein and to each person who henceforth be-
7 comes duly registered to vote therein. Each said identification
8 card shall state the name and address of the registrant exactly
9 as written on the official list of voters, the ward and precinct
10 in which the registrant is entitled to vote, the registrant's year
11 of birth, height, sex, and party affiliation, if any. A space shall
12 be provided for the signature of the registrant. The registrant's
13 signature shall be affixed in the presence of an appropriate offi-
14 cial. After this law has been in force for six months, any per-
15 son desiring to vote in state elections shall be required to pre-
16 sent this voter identification card to the election officers of the
17 precinct in which he is entitled to vote. Such election officers
18 may further require any voter to sign his name for comparison
19 with the signature on the card for purposes of proving identity.

