

[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session —
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SENATE No. 392

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 392) of Carol C. Amick and Natalie Neff for legislation to require voters to produce identification at polling places upon request. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION AT POLLING PLACES UPON REQUEST.

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 76 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1966, is here-
3 by further amended by striking out the first sentence thereof
4 and inserting in its place the following: —

5 Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his
6 name and, if requested, his residence, or proof of identity, or
7 both, to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within
8 the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the
9 voter's name.

10 The Secretary of State shall notify all city and town voter
11 registrars upon passage of this bill.

12 It will take effect in all elections after January 1, 1984.

