

By Mr. Lees, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 348) of Brian P. Lees, Paul J. P. Loscocco, Richard R. Tisei, Bruce E. Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to voter identification at polling places. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION AT POLLING PLACES.

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 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 76 and inserting
3 in place thereof a new section 76:—
4 Section 76. Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall
5 give his name and his residence to one of the officers at the entrance
6 to the space within the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly
7 announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the
8 election officer shall check and repeat the name and shall require the
9 voter to show identification. Acceptable forms of identification shall
10 be a social security card or any other pre-printed form of identifica-
11 tion providing the name and either address, signature, or photograph.
12 After the voter's identification has been verified, the election officer
13 shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in
14 case official ballots, other than those marked "Challenged Ballots"
15 as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be
16 given one ballot. The use of electronic means such as tape recording
17 equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the recording or
18 broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having voted
19 shall be prohibited.

