

By Mr. Morrissey, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 354) of Michael W. Morrissey, Ronald Mariano, Anthony J. Verga, other members of the General Court and others for legislation relative to the compilation and distribution of street lists. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STREET LISTS.

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 1. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out Section 4, as so appearing, and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section:—
4 Section 4. (a) Registrars, assistant registrars, or boards having
5 similar duties under any general or special law, except in the city
6 of Boston, shall annually in January or February visit or commu-
7 nicate with the residents of each building in their respective cities
8 and towns and, after diligent inquiry, shall make true lists con-
9 taining, as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date of birth,
10 occupation, veteran status, nationality, if not a citizen of the
11 United States, and residence on January 1 of the preceding year
12 and the current year, of each person three years of age or older
13 residing in their respective cities and towns. The police depart-
14 ment of a city or town shall, upon request, have access to the lists.
15 A list of all persons 3 to 21 years of age, inclusive, shall be trans-
16 mitted by the board of registrars to the respective school com-
17 mittee not later than April 1 of each year. The list shall contain the
18 name, residence and age or date of birth of each such person; but
19 the names of persons 3 to 16 years of age, inclusive, shall not be
20 disclosed to any person other than the respective school com-
21 mittee or board of trustees of a county agricultural school or a
22 police department. That proportion of any expenses incurred by
23 the registrars under this section, equal to the proportion that the

24 number of persons under 17 years of age bears to the total number
25 of persons listed thereunder, shall be carried as an item in the
26 school committee budget.

27 (b) In the city of Boston, the registrars, assistant registrars or
28 boards having similar duties under any general or special law,
29 shall annually in January or February visit or communicate with
30 the residents of each building in said city and, after diligent
31 inquiry, shall make true lists containing, as nearly as they can
32 ascertain, the name, date of birth, occupation, veteran status,
33 nationality if not a citizen of the United States, and residence on
34 January 1 of the preceding year and the current year, of each
35 person 17 years of age or older residing in said city. The Boston
36 police department shall, upon request, have access to the lists.

37 (c) In any city or town which communicates with residents by
38 mail for the purpose of obtaining such information, the communi-
39 cation shall state in boldface type on the postcard, envelope and
40 printed material contained in such communication the following
41 failure to respond to this mailing shall result in removal—
42 “Warning statement: from the active voting list and may result in
43 removal from the voter registration rolls.”. Registrars, assistant
44 registrars or boards in such cities or towns communicating with
45 residents by mail for the purpose of obtaining such information
46 may require a response under the penalties of perjury.

47 (d) The name and address of any person who provides the reg-
48 istrars with a copy of a court order granting protection, or evi-
49 dence of residence in a protective shelter, or an affidavit signed by
50 a chief of police or his designee that said person is entitled to have
51 certain information 265, shall not appear on 24C of chapter with-
52 held from the public under section ____ the street list and such
53 names shall not be disclosed to any person. The information col-
54 lected under this section regarding a person’s status as a veteran
55 shall not be a public record and shall only be disclosed to the
56 adjutant general.

1 SECTION 2. Section 47C of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word “occupation”, in
3 line 5, the following words:—, veteran status.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 47C of said chapter 51, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word
3 “commissioner”, in lines 12 and 13, the following words:— ,
4 adjutant general.

1 SECTION 4. Section 2A of chapter 475 of the acts of 1993 is
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

