SENATE . . . . No. 427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to fairly fund early voting.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 427) of Bruce E. Tarr and David F. DeCoste for legislation to fairly fund early voting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2052* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act to fairly fund early voting.

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. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by

2   inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:-

3   "(r) The Commonwealth shall reimburse each city and town to the full extent of the

4   amounts expended for mandated early voting procedures and operations. The state treasurer shall

5   annually, on or before July 1st of the year following the election for which reimbursement is

6   being sought, pay to cities and towns, the sums required for such reimbursement and approved

7   by the secretary of state pursuant to section 2 herein. Each city and town may establish an Early

8   Voting Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this

9   section may be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year."

10   SECTION 2. Section 25B of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by

11   inserting in subsection (o) the following at the end thereof:-

12   "including the means to seek, process and approve reimbursement subject to subsection

13   (r)"