

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
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John P. Cloonan
Director of Elections

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: City and Town Clerks and Election Commissions

FROM: John P. Cloonan, Director of Elections

RE: New Law Providing for Assistant Registrars of Voters in
High Schools

DATE: March 16, 1987

As of March 23, 1987, a new law takes effect which requires the appointment of an assistant registrar of voters at all high schools and vocational schools. Under this law, chapter 630 of the Acts of 1986, sponsored by State Representative Lawrence Alexander of Marblehead, the principal or headmaster of every public or private high school or vocational school must submit the names of at least three school employees who are registered voters in the city or town in which the school is located, and who have agreed to serve, to the Board of Registrars of Voters of the city or town. The Board will then appoint one of these employees as assistant registrar and will provide necessary training and other assistance. The assistant registrar will be available at the school to register eligible students and employees of the school. The opportunity to register must be publicized within each school by the principal or headmaster.

At regional high schools or vocational schools, one assistant registrar must be appointed for each city or town where students who usually attend the school reside if there are school employees who reside in these communities.

A copy of chapter 630 is attached. For more information, please contact Robin Eisenberg, Assistant Legal Counsel, Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, telephone (617) 727-2828 or 800-462-8683.

Chapter 630

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-six

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AT HIGH SCHOOLS AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 42D the following section:-

Section 42E. The principal or headmaster of every public or private high school or vocational school shall submit to the board of registrars of voters of the city or town the names of at least three school employees who are registered voters in the city or town in which the school is located, to serve as assistant registrars of voters for the purpose of this section. The board of registrars shall appoint at least one of the designated employees as an assistant registrar, shall provide necessary training, forms, and other assistance, and shall establish procedures to be followed by the assistant registrar. The assistant registrar shall be available at the school for the purpose of permitting eligible students and employees of the school to register as voters in the city or town. The principal or headmaster shall publicize the opportunity to register within the school. At a regional high school or vocational school, at least one assistant registrar shall be appointed for each city or town where students who usually attend the school reside.

House of Representatives, December 9, 1986.

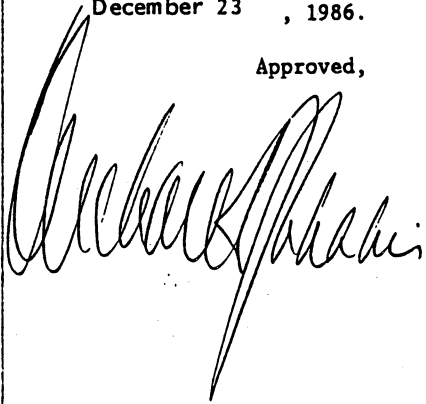
Passed to be enacted, *George Luenn*, Speaker.

In Senate, December 11, 1986.

Passed to be enacted, *William M. Bulger*, President.

December 23 , 1986.

Approved,

 Governor.

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Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk,
transmitting for informational purposes a
copy of Chapter 603 of the Acts of 1986 en-
titled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ASSISTANT
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AT HIGH SCHOOLS AND VOCA-
TIONAL SCHOOLS".

In City Council,

March 23, 1987

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Commission 3/24/87*