

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO SEND CERTAIN INFORMATION TO REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

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

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, December 18, 1989.

Passed to be enacted,

George Livanian, Speaker.

In Senate, December 18, 1989.

Passed to be enacted,

William M. Bulger, President.

December 29, 1989.

Approved,

at Four o'clock and 15 minutes, p . M.

Richard W. H. [Signature] Governor.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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JOSEPH E. CONNARTON
CITY CLERK

JOHN E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

October 18, 1989

Mr. Robert MacQueen
House Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representatives
Room 145
The State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. MacQueen:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you for filing with the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the enclosed order adopted by the Cambridge City Council on Monday, October 16, 1989 approving the filing of the attached legislation entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO SEND CERTAIN INFORMATION TO REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE".

Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by this office and the City Council.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk.

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City of Cambridge

Calendar Item # 20
IN CITY COUNCIL

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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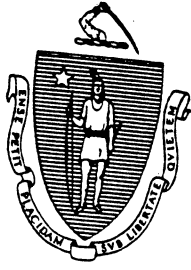
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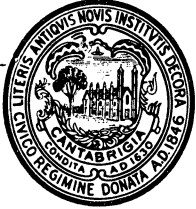
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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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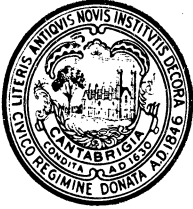
To: Robert W. Healy
From: Board of Election Commissioners (TSN)
Date: September 15, 1989
Subject: Home Rule Petition

At its meeting of September 14, 1989, the Cambridge Election Commission voted 4 to 0 to support passage of a Home Rule Petition to be submitted to the Cambridge City Council for adoption at its meeting on Monday, September 18, 1989.

The Commission believes that, should the Legislature pass an Act to permit the City of Cambridge, through its Election Commission, to send information to voters, prior to an election, on ballot questions submitted solely to Cambridge voters of the entire City, pursuant to any General Law, that Cambridge citizens would be better informed voters.

In so far as the language of the Home Rule Petition is similar to G.L. Ch. 54, s.53 and s.54, which requires the Secretary of State to send information to voters relating to statewide ballot questions to consist of the full text of the question, a fair and concise summary, and arguments for and against each question submitted by the principal proponents and opponents of the question, the Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners believes sufficient evidence exists to suggest that the enactment of such an Act would provide immeasurable benefit to Cambridge voters.

We therefore urge the Cambridge City Council to vote to submit this Home Rule Petition forthwith to the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

September 18, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I hereby transmit a recommended Home Rule Petition from the Election Commission which authorizes the Election Commissioner of the City of Cambridge to send certain information to registered voters in the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls
enclosure

S-693

Acceptance of Home Rule petition entitled
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In City Council,

Sept. 18, 1989

*Charter Righted by
Councillor Walsh.
9/25/89 Tabled by
Mayor Vellucci
10/16/89 Order adopted
by 7 members.
Councillor David Sullivan
recorded as "Present."*