

HOUSE No. 3874

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Donaghue

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 granting the town of Southborough the authority to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Southborough residents aged 17 years old.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>5/12/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that the town of Southborough be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections in said town for residents aged 17 years old. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act granting the town of Southborough the authority to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Southborough residents aged 17 years old.

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. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any individual aged 17 years old
3 residing in the town of Southborough, who is ineligible to vote due to age under state law, but
4 who is otherwise eligible to vote under state law, may upon application have their name entered
5 on a list of voters. Such individuals on the list of voters may vote in any election for municipal
6 offices and municipal ballot questions in accordance with this act.

7 SECTION 2. The town of Southborough may pass ordinances to implement this act,
8 subject to the charter of the town of Southborough.

9 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon voters in the town of
10 Southborough the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot
11 questions.