

SENATE No. 431

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 relative to youth voter engagement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>7/20/2023</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 431) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to youth voter engagement. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 483 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to youth voter engagement.

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 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:-
3 Every pre-registrant registered under section 47A, who is 17 years of age may vote pursuant to
4 section 47A.

5 SECTION 2. Section 47A of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Subsequent
7 to such pre-registration, a pre-registrant who is 17 years of age, when pre-registered as provided
8 in this section, shall be eligible to vote at any preliminary or primary election to be held if they
9 shall be the age of 18 years at the time of the subsequent special or general election and no other

- 10 pre-registrant shall be allowed to vote until the pre-registrant obtains full age unless otherwise
- 11 permitted by law.