

**SENATE . . . . . No. 409**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen, (BY REQUEST)***

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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 lowering the voting age for state and local elections with guardian consent.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Robin Chen*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2130 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA*

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By Ms. Jehlen (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 409) of Robin Chen for legislation to lower the voting age for state and local elections with guardian consent. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act lowering the voting age for state and local elections with guardian consent.

*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. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended in Section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3           A minor citizen who will be at the time of election at least fourteen years of age but less  
4 than eighteen years of age, who is a resident in the city or town where he or she claims the right  
5 to vote at the time he or she registers, and who has complied with the requirements of this  
6 chapter, may have his or her name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may vote  
7 therein in any municipal or state election, provided however that the minor submits with the  
8 registration a certificate of consent from a parent or guardian.