

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1111**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kevin J. Murphy*

*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 allowing citizens 17 years or older to vote in the city of Lowell municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kevin J. Murphy</i>       | <i>18th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/20/2011</i> |
| <i>Richard Bastien</i>       | <i>2nd Worcester</i>  | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |
| <i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |
| <i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>    |                       | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |
| <i>David M. Nangle</i>       | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |

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By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of Kevin J. Murphy and others that persons seventeen years of age or older be authorized to participate in certain elections in the city of Lowell. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act allowing citizens 17 years or older to vote in the city of Lowell municipal elections.

*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 to the contrary, every citizen seventeen years of age or older, not being a  
3 person under guardianship or incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction,  
4 and not being temporarily or permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in  
5 respect to elections, who is a resident in the city or town where he or she claims the right to vote  
6 at the time he or she registers, and who has complied with the requirements of this chapter, may  
7 have his or her name entered on the list of voters in the City of Lowell, and may vote therein in  
8 any election for officers in the City of Lowell.

9 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect upon its passage by the voters of  
10 the City of Lowell.