

HOUSE No. 561

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler, (BY REQUEST)

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 voter qualifications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lucia Grigoli</i>		<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 561) of Lucia Grigoli and Denise Andrews for legislation to authorize certain persons seventeen years of age to register to vote in presidential primary elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to voter qualifications.

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 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph , the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Section 1. Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this section, every citizen who is 17
5 years of age, who is otherwise qualified to be a voter within the meaning of this section, and who
6 will attain the age of 18 by the time of the next general presidential election, may vote in a
7 presidential preference primary, pursuant to sections 70A through 70H of chapter 53. Such
8 individuals may not vote in any other elections and are not to be considered voters for any other
9 purpose.”