

SENATE No. 387

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 to expand voting rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 387) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to expand voting rights. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to expand voting rights.

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 57A of Chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is 17 years of age on the date
4 of a primary election shall be permitted to vote in that primary election if that person reaches the
5 age of 18 on or before the date of the immediately following general election.

6 For the purposes of this section, an individual who is 17 years of age and will be 18 years
7 of age on the date of the general election shall be deemed competent to execute and attest to any
8 voter registration forms.