

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3650**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephan Hay*

*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 local business owners voting in municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>

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By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3650) of Stephan Hay for legislation to authorize certain local business owners to vote in municipal elections. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to local business owners voting in 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 Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 1F the following section:-

3 Section 1G. A city or town that accepts the provisions of this section may provide for the  
4 qualification and registration of voters for voting in any town meeting or municipal election to  
5 any citizen of the United States of the age of 18 years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable  
6 to the city or town for taxes assessed against such person on an assessment of not less than  
7 \$1,000 as of the last assessment of such city or town under section 11 of chapter 59.