

HOUSE No. 3650

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.