

HOUSE No. 657

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey and Jack Patrick 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 relative to age requirements in local elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/16/2019</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/16/2019</i> |
| <i>Tami L. Gouveia</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i> | <i>34th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i> | <i>21st Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 657) of Sean Garballey, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to lowering the voting age requirements in local elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to age requirements in local 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. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3 Every citizen sixteen years of age or older who is a resident in the city or town where he
4 or she claims the right to vote at the time he or she registers, and who has complied with the
5 requirements of this chapter, may have his or her name entered on the list of voters in such city
6 or town, and may vote therein in any election for officers in such city or town.