

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 659**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

*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 authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in the town of Wayland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Alice Hanlon Peisch and Jack Patrick Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to establish voting rights for permanent resident aliens. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3700 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in the town of Wayland.

*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. Notwithstanding the provision of section one of chapter fifty-one of the  
2   General Laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, residents of  
3   the town of Wayland who are aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
4   States and who meet all qualifications for registering to vote except U.S. citizenship, may, upon  
5   application, have their names entered on a register of qualified permanent resident alien voters  
6   and may thereafter vote in any election for local offices, local ballot questions, and at Town  
7   Meeting.

8           Section 2. The Wayland Board of Selectmen is authorized to formulate regulations and  
9   guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

10           Section 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon permanent resident aliens  
11 the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question.