

HOUSE No. 722

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susannah M. Whipps

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 persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in the town of Wendell.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>

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By Ms. Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Wendell be authorized to allow persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in said town. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3861 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 persons sixteen years of age or older to vote in town elections in the town of Wendell.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law to the contrary, any citizen who; (i) is 16 years of age or older, (ii) meets the
3 qualifications to be registered as a voter pursuant to section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws
4 except that of age, and (iii) is a resident of the town of Wendell at the time they register or pre-
5 register to vote pursuant to said chapter 51 may vote therein in all town elections, participate and
6 vote in all town meetings, participate and vote in town caucus and sign all nominating, warrant
7 and other petitions authorized by town bylaws. A person shall be a registered voter of at least 18
8 years of age to be eligible to serve in elected town offices or positions.