

SENATE No. 382

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 early voting in municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i> | <i>Third Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 382) of Michael J. Barrett and Carmine Lawrence Gentile for legislation relative to early voting in municipal elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 366 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to early 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 SECTION 1. Section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after subsection (a), as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, the following
3 subsection:-

4 (a^{1/2}) The election officers and registrars of a city or town that accepts this subsection
5 shall allow a qualified voter, as defined in section 1 of chapter 51, to cast a ballot for a municipal
6 election that is not held at the same time as a biennial state election during the early voting
7 period as set forth in this section. This subsection shall only take effect in a city or town upon
8 the approval of the legislative body and the acceptance by the voters of the city or town on a
9 ballot question at the next regular municipal or state election.