

HOUSE No. 3719

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tami L. Gouveia and 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 allowing 17 year olds to vote in town elections and town meetings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Representative Gouveia of Acton and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3719) of Tami L. Gouveia and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize 17 year old citizens to vote in town elections and town meetings in the town of Concord. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 663 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act allowing 17 year olds to vote in town elections and town meetings.

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 17 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 Concord 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.