

HOUSE No. 4482

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy

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 the town of Tyngsborough to offer early voting and no excuse absentee voting in municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/17/2022</i> |
| <i>Edward J. Kennedy</i> | <i>First Middlesex</i> | <i>2/17/2022</i> |

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By Representative Garry of Dracut and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4482) of Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Tyngsborough be authorized to offer early voting and no excuse absentee voting in municipal elections. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to offer early voting and no excuse absentee 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. Beginning the year 2021, notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the Town of Tyngsborough may offer early voting and no excuse absentee voting in
3 municipal elections.

4 The Town of Tyngsborough may elect to allow any qualified voter, as defined in section
5 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, to cast a ballot for any municipal election during the early
6 voting and absentee voting period.

7 The Town of Tyngsborough's Board of Selectmen, upon consultation with the Town
8 Clerk, may promulgate regulations to implement this act not inconsistent with section 25B of
9 chapter 54 of the General Laws and with other election laws applicable in said section 25B of
10 chapter 54 of the General Laws. Such regulations may include, but are not limited to, a process
11 for establishing early voting locations, dates, and

- 12 staffing, and a process for applying for, receiving, separating, compiling, recording, and
- 13 securing early voter ballots. Each early voting site shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.