

HOUSE No. 815

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 youth voter engagement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/21/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/22/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>8/19/2021</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Joan Meschino for legislation to allow certain 17 year-old pre-registered voters to vote in primary elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4161 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to youth voter engagement.

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 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:-
3 Every pre-registrant registered under section 47A, who is 17 years of age may vote pursuant to
4 section 47A.

5 SECTION 2. Section 47A of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Subsequent
7 to such pre-registration, a pre-registrant who is 17 years of age, when pre-registered as provided
8 in this section, shall be eligible to vote at any preliminary or primary election to be held if he or
9 she shall be the age of 18 years at the time of the subsequent special or general election and no

- 10 other pre-registrant shall be allowed to vote until the pre-registrant obtains full age unless
- 11 otherwise permitted by law.