HOUSE . . . . No. 832

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford

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 amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/27/2021*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*1/27/2021*

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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

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An Act amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city 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   Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2012, shall be amended as follows:

2   SECTION 1. Amend article 8 by inserting as article 8-6 the following:

3   "QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING. Every resident of the city or, in the case of an election for

4   ward councilor or ward school committee member, every resident of the ward, whether a citizen

5   or noncitizen, who is not otherwise disqualified from voting under state law, shall be qualified to

6   vote in all preliminary elections, special elections and regular city elections.", and by

7   renumbering article 8-6 to 8-7 and article 8-7 to 8-8.

8   This act shall take effect upon its passage.