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SENATE . . . . . No. 483

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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:
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 483) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to youth voter engagement. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2471* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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:

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

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

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