

HOUSE No. 4132

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Ciccolo

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 to grant the town of Lexington the authority to endow legal residents with local voting rights in municipal elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/7/2025</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>7/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4132) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant legal residents with local voting rights in municipal elections. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to grant the town of Lexington the authority to endow legal residents with local voting rights 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. Notwithstanding section one of chapter fifty-one of the General Laws, or
2 any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any lawful permanent
3 resident- otherwise known as a green card holder- of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, that
4 is otherwise eligible under all provision for voters in section of of said chapter fifty one, other
5 than citizenship under the laws of the United States of America, shall be considered a qualified
6 local voter (henceforth, "local voter") of the town for the purposes of voting in all town
7 municipal elections, and shall be eligible to stand for and participate as a member in Town
8 Meetings, and sign all nominating, warrant, and other petitions authorized by Town bylaws,
9 including school committee referendum or other municipal elections.

10 SECTION 2. Said office of the Town Clerk shall establish a separate registration list for
11 local voters who shall fill out an alternative registration form. Upon becoming a U.S, citizen,

12 each local voter shall be taken off said list and notified that they must register as a regular voter
13 in accordance with state law, regulations, and guidelines, in order to be eligible to vote. Said
14 office shall create and print, at the Town of Lexington's expense, the special registration form
15 needed for the purpose of registering local voters.

16 SECTION 3. Said Select Board is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations,
17 guidelines, and forms to implement the purpose of this act.

18 SECTION 4. If a local ballot question appears on a state election ballot, the office of the
19 Town Clerk shall print a separate ballot for the local ballot question at the expense of the Town
20 of Lexington to ensure that local voters are able to vote on the local question and not partake in
21 statewide elections.

22 SECTION 5. The Town of Lexington is hereby authorized to enact bylaws or regulations
23 to implement the purpose of this act subject to all provisions of Chapter 215, Acts of 1929 and
24 Chapter 753, Acts of 1968, as amended.

25 SECTION 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon local voters the right to
26 vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot questions.