

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4148**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron L. Saunders 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 relative to lawful noncitizen permanent resident voting in the town of Shutesbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to lawful noncitizen permanent resident voting in the town of Shutesbury. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to lawful noncitizen permanent resident voting in the town of Shutesbury.

*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 the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 51 of the General  
2 Laws, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, lawful permanent  
3 residents 18 years or older who reside in Shutesbury may, upon application, have their name  
4 entered on a list of registered voters established by the Town Clerk for the town known as the  
5 Town of Shutesbury and may thereafter vote in all Shutesbury town meeting, elections and  
6 actions, and serve on elected and appointed Shutesbury municipal board, commissions and  
7 committees.

8           SECTION 2. The Selectboard of the town known as the Town of Shutesbury may  
9 formulate regulations and guidelines to implement to purpose of this act.

10           SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon lawful permanent  
11 residents the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question or  
12 take any action relative thereto.