

HOUSE No. 5253

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 2026.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 803) of Natalie M. Blais and Mindy Domb relative to candidate information on ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to establish ranked choice voting for certain offices in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of Mike Connolly relative to extending voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizen voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 813) of Mike Connolly for legislation to allow persons sixteen or seventeen years of age to vote in local elections and presidential primaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Robin Chen for legislation to enable children's right to vote; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 823) of Paul J. Donato relative to the regulation of elections in certain emergency situations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 828) of Dennis C. Gallagher (by vote of the town) that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to hold recall elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 829) of Dennis C. Gallagher (by vote of the town) relative to term limits in the town of Bridgewater; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 830) of John J. Costa, Jr., relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 831) of Sean Garballey, Jack Patrick Lewis and Tara T. Hong relative to age requirements in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 835) of Homar Gómez (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Easthampton be authorized to amend the charter of said city relative to ranked choice voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the eligible age for voting in the city of Boston; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 847) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to voter information provided by the State Secretary; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of Jack Patrick Lewis and Sean

Garballey relative to the eligibility of certain seventeen year old persons to vote in preliminary or primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Joan Meschino for legislation to provide for voter pre-registration for persons 17 years of age; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 855) of Samantha Montaña relative to extending voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizens; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 861) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to grant local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 866) of David M. Rogers for legislation to enable cities and towns to extend voting rights in municipal elections to certain non-citizens of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 869) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Acton; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to grant legal voting rights in municipal elections to town residents aged 16 and 17 years old; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 872) of Kenneth P. Swezey (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the recall of elected officials in the town of Pembroke; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 879) of Tommy Vitolo for legislation to authorize cities and towns to postpone town meetings due to certain short-term emergencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 881) of Tommy Vitolo relative to voter registration; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3908) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a recall procedure for elective town offices in the town of Monterey; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3919) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Leverett be authorized to provide for local voting rights for certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to voter registration and early voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4034) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Brookline; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to establishing recall elections in the town of Lanesborough; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4098) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Northampton; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4108) of Kate

Donaghue relative to the death of candidates running for public office; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4189) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the town council) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Amherst; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4377) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to forego the preliminary election in 2025; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4499) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Arlington, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5253) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DANIEL J. HUNT.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Election Laws be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 803, 809, 810,
3 813, 814, 823, 828, 829, 830, 831, 835, 841, 847, 852, 854, 855, 861, 866, 869, 870, 872, 879,
4 881, 3908, 3919, 3943, 4034, 4055, 4098, 4108, 4189, 4377 and 4499, relative to voting rights,
5 ranked choice voting and other related matters.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2026.