

HOUSE No. 5311

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 2, 2026.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799) of Shirley B. Arriaga and others for legislation to further regulate voter registration rolls; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to ensure that polling places are accessible to handicapped and elderly voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to require the showing of valid photo form of identification to election officials prior to voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 807) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to political contributions by certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 811) of Mike Connolly for legislation to authorize cities and towns to provide for citizen-funded election campaigns for municipal offices; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Mike Connolly relative to transparent political campaigning; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Gene John Cass relative to town committee elections and membership; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 816) of Michael S. Day relative to political campaign contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon relative to the disclosure of the political party offices' campaign contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 818) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the disclosure of donations by major policy makers engaging in political activity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 819) of Mindy Domb relative to random placement of candidate names and removal of incumbent information on primary and state ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 821) of Daniel M. Donahue for legislation to create a payroll deduction for voluntary contributions to not-for-profit social welfare organizations and candidate or other political committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Paul J. Donato relative to political designations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 826) of Paul K. Frost relative to candidates for public office reporting

public assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Paul K. Frost relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 833) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the identification requirements for voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to same day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Russell E. Holmes relative to increasing voter registration and participation of people incarcerated for felony convictions to help prevent recidivism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of Russell E. Holmes relative to special election scheduling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to increase the safety and security of unattended ballot boxes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 844) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to political contributions by investment advisors doing business with public entities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 845) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the campaign finance reporting cycle; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 849) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Steven Owens relative to inactive voters and municipal census administration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 850) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to electioneering communication expenditures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 851) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to ensure a complete, accurate, and equitable census count and to create a census equity commission (including members of the General Court) to ensure that censuses accurately and completely count all residents of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis relative to the composition of the boards of registrars of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 857) of James M. Murphy for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate ways to increase voter participation in primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 859) of Kelly W. Pease for legislation to further regulate ballot request notifications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 863) of Orlando Ramos for legislation to establish same-day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 864) of Orlando Ramos relative to mail-in ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 865) of David M. Rogers for legislation to further define felony convictions as

relates to the disqualification of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 867) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to campaign contributions at bake sales, farmer's markets, or community festivals by political party committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 871) of Kenneth P. Swezey for legislation to further regulate primary elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Chynah Tyler relative to voting rights for convicted felons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 874) of Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to restore voting rights to incarcerated felons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 875) of Erika Uytterhoeven and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to limiting political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 877) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 878) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to the availability of voter lists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 880) of Tommy Vitolo relative to mailing of early voting ballots by city and town clerks; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 882) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to political designations and terminology; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections for certain residents aged 16 and 17 years old; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4033) of Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the city of Somerville; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4095) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4096) 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 authorize residents sixteen years or age or older to vote in preliminary and city elections; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) 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 authorize resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections; the 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; the 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; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4190) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to extend local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in said town; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Sunderland be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4223) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to grant legal voting rights in municipal elections to town residents aged 16 and 17 years old; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4241) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Whately residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4713) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Simon Cataldo and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Concord, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5311) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DANIEL J. HUNT.

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House of Representatives, April 02, 2026.

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 799, 800, 802,
3 807, 811, 812, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 821, 824, 826, 827, 833, 834, 839, 840, 842, 843, 844,
4 845, 849, 850, 851, 853, 857, 859, 863, 864, 865, 867, 871, 873, 874, 875, 877, 878, 880, 882,
5 3918, 4033, 4095, 4096, 4097, 4132, 4148, 4190, 4209, 4223, 4241 and 4713, relative to political
6 contributions, voter registration and other related matters.

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