

HOUSE No. 852

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis and Sean Garballey

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 voting and civic participation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>

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By Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Garballey of Arlington, a 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. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 809 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to youth voting and civic participation.

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 47A of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
3 sentence:– Subsequent to such pre-registration, a pre-registrant who is 17 years of age, when pre-
4 registered as provided in this section, shall be eligible to vote at any preliminary or primary
5 election to be held if they shall be the age of 18 years at the time of the subsequent special or
6 general election and no other pre-registrant shall be allowed to vote until the pre-registrant
7 obtains full age unless otherwise permitted by law.