

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

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Mike Connolly*

*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 expanding democratic participation.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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

[Pin Slip]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3576 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act expanding democratic 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 Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following 2  
2 paragraphs:-

3 Every citizen who (i) is 16 or 17 years old, (ii) is not temporarily or permanently  
4 disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, (iii) is a resident in the  
5 city or town where they claim the right to vote at the time they register and (iv) has complied  
6 with the requirements of this chapter may have their name entered on the list of voters in such  
7 city or town and may vote therein in any municipal election.

8 Every citizen who (i) is 16 or 17 years old, (ii) is not temporarily or permanently  
9 disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, (iii) is a resident in the  
10 city or town where they claim the right to vote at the time they register and (iv) has complied  
11 with the requirements of this chapter may have their name entered on the list of voters in such

12 city or town and may vote therein in any presidential primary; provided, that, the political party  
13 for which a presidential primary is held shall consent to the participation of 16 and 17 year old  
14 voters.