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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais 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 authorizing local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in Leverett.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*2/24/2025*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*2/24/2025*

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a 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. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4114* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in Leverett.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, lawful permanent residents 18 years or older who reside in Leverett may, upon application, have their name entered on a list of registered voters established by the town clerk for the town known as the town of Leverett and may thereafter vote in all Leverett town meetings, elections and actions, and serve on elected Leverett municipal boards and committees.

SECTION 2. The Select Board of the town known as the town of Leverett may formulate regulations and guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon lawful permanent residents the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question.