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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb 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 extending local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in the city known as the town of Amherst.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*5/30/2025*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*5/30/2025*

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

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3840* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing extending local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in the city known as the town of Amherst.

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 Amherst may, upon application, have their name entered on a list of registered voters established by the town clerk for the city known as the town of Amherst and may thereafter vote in any election for local offices or local ballot questions.

SECTION 2. The town council of the city known as the town of Amherst 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.