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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Lindsay N. Sabadosa 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 amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections.

*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 277 of the Acts of 2012, shall be amended as follows:

2 SECTION 1. Amend article 8 by inserting as article 8-6 the following:

3 “QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING. Every resident of the city or, in the case of an election for  
4 ward councilor or ward school committee member, every resident of the ward, whether a citizen  
5 or noncitizen, who is not otherwise disqualified from voting under state law, shall be qualified to  
6 vote in all preliminary elections, special elections and regular city elections.”, and by  
7 renumbering article 8-6 to 8-7 and article 8-7 to 8-8.

8 This act shall take effect upon its passage.