

SENATE No. 526

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 voter engagement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No. 526

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 526) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to youth voter engagement in preliminary or primary elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 431 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to youth voter engagement.

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 1. Section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:-
3 Every pre-registrant registered under section 47A, who is 17 years of age may vote pursuant to
4 section 47A.

5 SECTION 2. Section 47A of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Subsequent
7 to such pre-registration, a pre-registrant who is 17 years of age, when pre-registered as provided
8 in this section, shall be eligible to vote at any preliminary or primary election to be held if they
9 shall be the age of 18 years at the time of the subsequent special or general election and no other

- 10 pre-registrant shall be allowed to vote until the pre-registrant obtains full age unless otherwise
- 11 permitted by law.