

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.810

Title: An Act extending voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizen voters of the Commonwealth

Sponsor(s): Rep. Mike Connolly

Hearing Date: May 6, 2025

Reporting Deadline: July 5, 2025

Prior History: 2023-24 (H671): Ordered to a House Study

Similar Matters: S.512 (Sen. Eldridge – Identical); H.855 (Rep. Montano – Identical)

CURRENT LAW:

No current law. H.810 will be adding a section to Chapter 51 of the General Laws.

SUMMARY:

The bill amends Chapter 51 of the General Laws by adding Section 1G, allowing noncitizens with legal immigration status to vote in municipal elections. Upon submission of a noncitizen voter registration form, municipal election officials must add the noncitizen to a list of voters and notify them within five days about their voting rights and limitations. Noncitizens can vote in municipal elections, participate in town meetings, and run for municipal office, but cannot vote in federal elections, state offices, or participate in initiative petitions. The state secretary will issue a noncitizen voter registration form, which includes a declaration of residence under penalty of perjury. The form will be distributed alongside regular voter registration forms. The state secretary and municipal election officers will implement regulations to manage noncitizen voting in municipal elections.

