

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 553**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Cory Atkins**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to age requirements in local elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cory Atkins            | 14th Middlesex       |
| Alice K. Wolf          | 25th Middlesex       |
| Bill Bowles            | 2nd Bristol          |
| Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. | 26th Middlesex       |
| Sean Garballey         | 23rd Middlesex       |
| Robert L. Hedlund      | Plymouth and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 627 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO AGE REQUIREMENTS IN LOCAL 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3 “Every citizen seventeen years of age or older, not being a person under guardianship or incarcerated in a  
4 correctional facility due to a felony conviction, and not being temporarily or permanently disqualified by  
5 law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, who is a resident in the city or town where he or  
6 she claims the right to vote at the time he or she registers, and who has complied with the requirements of  
7 this chapter, may have his or her name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may vote  
8 therein in any election for officers in such city or town.”