

HOUSE No. 631

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Conroy

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 authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in the town of Wayland. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Conroy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3945 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS IN
THE TOWN OF WAYLAND. ..

*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. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or regulation to the contrary, residents of
2 the town of Wayland, who are aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States and who meet
3 all qualifications for registering to vote except United States citizenship may upon application, have their names
4 entered on a register of qualified permanent resident alien voters and may thereafter vote in any election for local
5 offices, local ballot questions and at town meetings in the town of Wayland.
- 6 SECTION 2. The board of selectmen of the town of Wayland may formulate regulations and guidelines to
7 implement the purpose of this act.
- 8 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon permanent resident aliens the right to vote for any
9 state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question.