

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 657**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Jack Patrick Lewis***

*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 age requirements in local elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

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By Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 657) of Sean Garballey and others relative to lowering the voting age requirements in local elections. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

3           Every citizen sixteen years of age or older who is a resident in the city or town where he  
4 or she claims the right to vote at the time he or she registers, and who has complied with the  
5 requirements of this chapter, may have his or her name entered on the list of voters in such city  
6 or town, and may vote therein in any election for officers in such city or town.