

HOUSE No. 705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino 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 youth voter engagement.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Joan Meschino</i> | <i>3rd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/9/2023</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |

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By Representatives Meschino of Hull and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Joan Meschino and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to provide for voter pre-registration for persons 17 years of age. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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 2020
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.