

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 815**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan Meschino*

*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:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Joan Meschino for legislation to allow certain 17 year-old pre-registered voters to vote in primary elections. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4161 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 2018  
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 he or  
9   she shall be the age of 18 years at the time of the subsequent special or general election and no

- 10 other pre-registrant shall be allowed to vote until the pre-registrant obtains full age unless
- 11 otherwise permitted by law.