

**SENATE . . . . . No. 387**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. 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 to expand voting rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jason M. Lewis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fifth Middlesex*

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 387) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to expand voting rights. Election Laws.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to expand voting rights.

*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 57A of Chapter 51 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is 17 years of age on the date  
4 of a primary election shall be permitted to vote in that primary election if that person reaches the  
5 age of 18 on or before the date of the immediately following general election.

6 For the purposes of this section, an individual who is 17 years of age and will be 18 years  
7 of age on the date of the general election shall be deemed competent to execute and attest to any  
8 voter registration forms.