

**SENATE . . . . . No. 389**

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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. 389) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to expand voting rights. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 47A of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

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.