

**SENATE . . . . . No. 438**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*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 ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 438) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to ensure municipal participation of the widest eligible range. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 1F the following section:-

3 Section 1G. Every citizen 16 or 17 years of age who is a resident in the city or town  
4 where they claim the right to vote at the time they register and who has complied with the  
5 requirements of this chapter shall have their name entered on the list of voters in a city or town  
6 accepting this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 and may vote therein in  
7 any election for officers in such city or town.