

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4552**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 authorizing extending local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in the town of Wendell.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>4/3/2024</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/3/2024</i>

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By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4552) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Wendell be authorized to extend local voting rights to certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act authorizing extending local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in the town of Wendell.

*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. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or any other  
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any lawful permanent resident, who is  
3 18 years or older and resides in the town of Wendell, may, upon application, have their name  
4 entered on a list of registered voters established by the town clerk for the town of Wendell. Such  
5 lawful permanent residents may thereafter vote in any town meeting, town election and actions  
6 of the town of Wendell and may serve on elected municipal boards and committees of the town  
7 of Wendell.

8           SECTION 2. The select board of the town of Wendell may formulate regulations and  
9 guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

10           SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon lawful permanent  
11 residents the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.