

HOUSE No. 4733

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 15, 2024.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to require the showing of valid photo form of identification to election officials prior to voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Natalie M. Blais and Mindy Domb relative to candidate information on ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 662) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, William M. Straus and others relative to polling place security and integrity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 663) of Daniel Cahill relative to increasing voting opportunities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 666) of Tackey Chan and Michelle M. DuBois relative to requiring residency affidavits for candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to political contributions by certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 670) of Robin Chen for legislation to enable children's right to vote; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 671) of Mike Connolly relative to extending voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizen voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Mike Connolly and others relative to transparent political campaigning; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 673) of Gene John Cass relative to town committee elections and membership; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of Mindy Domb relative to random placement of candidate names and removal of incumbent information on primary and state ballots; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 679) of Daniel M. Donahue and others for legislation to create a payroll deduction for voluntary contributions to not-for-profit social welfare organizations and candidate or other political committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 680) of Paul J. Donato relative to the regulation of elections in certain emergency

situations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 682) of Paul J. Donato relative to absentee voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of John J. Costa, Jr., relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of Sean Garballey and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to age requirements in local elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 687) of Colleen M. Garry and others relative to the identification requirements for voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 688) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to same day voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 689) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to campaign contributions for the benefit of elected political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to election ballots; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 692) of Russell E. Holmes and Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the eligible age for voting in the city of Boston; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 693) of Russell E. Holmes relative to special election scheduling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Steven S. Howitt and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to increase the safety and security of unattended ballot boxes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 698) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the campaign finance reporting cycle; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 699) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to political contributions by investment advisors doing business with public entities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the voting procedures of presidential electors; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Rebecca L. Rausch and Vanna Howard for legislation to ensure a complete, accurate, and equitable census count; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 704) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and James K. Hawkins relative to electioneering communication expenditures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Samantha Montaña, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and James B. Eldridge relative to extending voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizens; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 711) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to providing a local option for ranked choice voting in municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 712) of David M. Rogers for legislation to enable cities and towns to extend voting rights in municipal elections to certain non-citizens of the

Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 713) of David M. Rogers for legislation to further define felony convictions as relates to the disqualification of voters; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 715) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to allow resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to allow residents sixteen years or age or older to vote in preliminary and city elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to ballot question fiscal transparency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida and others relative to establishing identification at the voting polls; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others relative to limiting political spending by foreign-influenced corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 723) of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to the designation of polling places; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 725) of Andres X. Vargas, Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to municipal elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 727) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to choosing presidential electors and the process which governs them; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to the availability of voter lists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to political designations and terminology; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3576) of Mike Connolly for legislation to allow persons sixteen or seventeen years of age to vote in local elections and presidential primaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3742) of Christine P. Barber, Patricia D. Jehlen and Erika Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections for certain residents aged 16 and 17 years old; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3840) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to extend local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that the town of Southborough be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections in said town for residents aged 17 years old; the joint petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to grant local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis relative to the composition of the boards of registrars of voters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3973) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to grant legal voting rights in municipal elections to town residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4114) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Leverett be authorized to provide for local voting rights for certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4733) ought to be adopted [Senator Fattman and Representative Frost of Auburn dissent].

For the committee,

DANIEL J. RYAN.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Election Laws be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 658, 659, 662,
3 663, 666, 667, 670, 671, 672, 673, 678, 679, 680, 682, 683, 686, 687, 688, 689, 691, 692, 693,
4 695, 698, 699, 700, 703, 704, 706, 711, 712, 713, 715, 716, 717, 720, 722, 723, 725, 727, 728,
5 731, 3576, 3742, 3840, 3874, 3899, 3918, 3973 and 4114, relative to election laws.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2024.