

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5008**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem*

*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 local voting rights for permanent legal residents residing in Brookline.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/30/2022</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/1/2022</i>

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By Representative Vitolo of Brookline and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5008) of Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to eligibility for voting in local elections in the town of Brookline. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing local voting rights for permanent legal residents residing in Brookline.

*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 noncitizen permanent legal resident  
3 who is of the age of eligibility for voting in local elections in Brookline and who is a resident of  
4 Brookline may register and vote in municipal elections within the Town of Brookline.

5 SECTION 2. The Brookline Select Board, in consultation with the Town Clerk, is  
6 authorized to formulate regulations and guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

7 SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act, a permanent legal resident is a non-U.S. citizen  
8 residing in the Town of Brookline who has duly qualified for and been granted, according to the  
9 immigration laws of the United States of America, the status of lawful permanent residence  
10 authorizing them to live permanently in the United States.

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