



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct the City Solicitor to redraft home rule legislation to lower the voting age to seventeen in Cambridge municipal elections, incorporating the following principles:

- 1) That for the purposes of this legislation, local eligible seventeen year olds would be considered "local voters" and would not be referred to as "voters."
- 2) That "local voter" will hereby be defined as citizens of the City of Cambridge who are of the age of seventeen.
- 3) That the Cambridge Election Commission would establish a separate registration list for seventeen year olds who fill out an alternative registration form. Upon turning eighteen, each "local voter" would be taken off the list and notified that they must register as a full "voter", following state guidelines.
- 4) That the Cambridge Election Commission would create and print at the city's expense the special application needed for the purpose of registering "local voters."
- 5) That in rare cases when a local question appears on a state election ballot, the separate ballot would be printed at the city's expense.
- 6) That seventeen-year-old "local voters" would not be eligible to run for office in municipal elections.
- 7) That "local voters" would not be eligible to sign candidate nomination papers.
- 8) That "local voters" would not be included in the number of voters for purposes of determining the number of signatures needed to present petitions to the school committee or city council or for binding petition initiatives.

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Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 7; Nays 1; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

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