



# City of Cambridge

Substituted Order

O-13.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

March 25, 2002

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

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record petitioning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court to enact the attached home rule petition as amended entitled **AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS**

In City Council March 25, 2002.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote.

Yeas 8, Nays 1, Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.

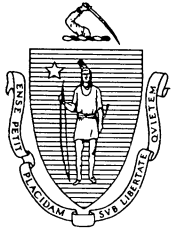
The undersigned, citizens of **CAMBRIDGE**, respectfully  
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation.

**AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN  
LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.

Richard A. Sullivan  
Henrietta Davis  
H. J. Sullivan  
Eugene Saunders  
Kunze C. Reeves  
W. J. Sullivan  
C. J. Sullivan  
B. J. Sullivan

42 Huron Ave Cambridge  
120 Chestnut St Cambridge  
30 Normandy Ave. Camb.  
188 Harvard St 4B Camb.  
340 Harvard St. Camb.  
55 Magazine St #55  
88 Sixth St  
22 Mount Auburn St Cambridge



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWO

## AN ACT

### AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter fifty-one of the general laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, citizens seventeen years or older and who reside in the city of Cambridge may, upon application, have their names entered on a list of voters, established by the Election Commission, for the city of Cambridge and may thereafter vote in any election for city council members, school committee members and local questions.

Section 2. The Election Commission of Cambridge is authorized to formulate regulations, guidelines and a registration form to implement the purpose of this act.

Section 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon seventeen-year-olds the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot questions.

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MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council March 25, 2002

*Amended by*  
Order No 13 As Substituted

| YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |                            |
|-----|-----|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| ✓   |     |        |         | Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Ms. Marjorie C. Decker     |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Anthony D. Galluccio   |
|     | ✓   |        |         | Mr. David P. Maher         |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Brian Murphy           |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves      |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Ms. Denise Simmons         |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mayor Michael A. Sullivan  |

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition enabling 17 year olds to vote in municipal elections.

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**ORDER #13**

The City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition enabling seventeen-year-olds to vote in municipal elections.

**Vice Mayor Davis, Councillors  
Murphy and Reeves**

**In City Council March 25, 2002**

**ORDER ADOPTED AS  
SUBSTITUTED.  
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