



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2003

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
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 entitled **AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

In City Council February 24, 2003.

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. Skellern
Ben P. Murphy
E. Dennis Sirois
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42 Huron Ave. Cambridge
22 West Albany St. Cambridge
188 Harvard St. Cambridge
88 Sixth St. Cambridge
55 Magazine St. Cambridge
340 Harvard St. Cambridge
120 Chestnut & Community
30 Normandy Ave Cambridge



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND **THREE**

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 who are seventeen years old who reside in the City of Cambridge may, upon application, have their names entered on a separate registration list of voters established by the Cambridge Election Commission (Commission), and may thereafter vote in any Cambridge election on local questions and any Cambridge election for members of the city council or school committee. Such seventeen year olds shall be known as "local voters".

SECTION 2. The Commission shall establish a separate registration list for local voters who shall fill out an alternative registration form. Upon turning eighteen, each local voter shall be taken off the separate list and notified that he or she must register as a regular voter in accordance with State law and guidelines. The Commission shall create and print at the city's expense the special registration form needed for the purpose of registering local voters. If a local question appears on a state election ballot, the Commission shall print a separate ballot for the local question at city expense.

SECTION 3. Local voters shall not be eligible to run for office in municipal elections, nor shall they be eligible to sign candidate nomination papers.

SECTION 4. Local voters shall not be included in the number of voters for the purpose of determining the number of signatures needed to present petitions to the city council or school committee, nor shall local voters be eligible to sign such petitions. Local voters shall not be eligible to sign initiative or referendum petitions pursuant to Art. 48 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon local voters the right to vote for any state or federal office or any state or federal ballot question.

SECTION 6. The Commission is authorized to formulate regulations and guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 2/24, 2003

Home Rule Petition to E

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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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

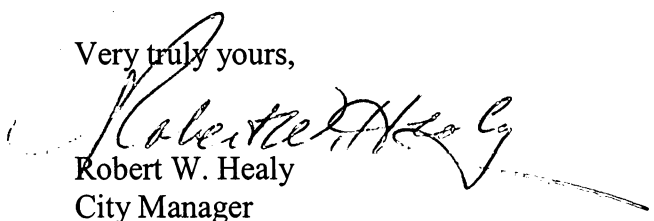
Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

February 24, 2003

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find a draft Home Rule Petition concerning an Act to Enable Seventeen Year Old Residents of Cambridge to Vote in Local Elections, to be introduced by the City Council at its February 24, 2003 meeting.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #4

Home Rule Petition to Enable
Seventeen Year Old Residents of
Cambridge to Vote in Local Elections.

In City Council February 24, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED.

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SEE ORDER #20.