

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 628**

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, petition of Cory Atkins and Kay Khan relative to residency requirements in local elections. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS 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:*

1 Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended in section 1 by adding at the end thereof  
3 the following:  
4 “Every permanent legal resident eighteen years of age or older,  
5 not being a person under guardianship or incarcerated in a correc-  
6 tional facility due to a felony conviction, and not being temporarily  
7 or permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in  
8 respect to elections, who is a resident in the city or town where he or  
9 she claims the right to vote at the time he or she registers, and who  
10 has complied with the requirements of this chapter, may have his or  
11 her name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may  
12 vote therein in any election for officers in such city or town.”