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[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank I. Smizik

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act authorizing certain local voting rights for permanent legal resident aliens residing in the Town of Brookline.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Cynthia S. Creem	☐ *[District]* ☐
Michael J. Moran	*18th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3430) of Frank I. Smizik, Cynthia S. Creem and Michael J. Moran (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to grant certain local voting rights for permanent legal resident aliens residing in said town. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

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An Act authorizing certain local voting rights for permanent legal resident aliens residing in the Town of Brookline.

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 provision of section one of chapter fifty-one of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, permanent legal resident aliens eighteen years of age or older who are residents of the Town of Brookline may, upon application, have their names entered on a list of voters established by the Board of Registrars of Voters and administered by the Town Clerk for the Town of Brookline and may thereafter vote in all local town elections, for all elected town offices, and for all local ballot questions.

Section 2. The Board of Registrars of Voters for the Town of Brookline. In consultation with the Town Clerk, is authorized to formulate regulations and guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

Section 3. For the purposes of this act, a permanent legal resident alien is a non-U.S. citizen residing in the Town of Brookline who has duly qualified for and been grants, according to the immigration laws of the United States of America, permanent residence as an immigrant with the issuance of a “green card” from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Section 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon permanent legal resident aliens the right to run for or hold elective public office, or the right to vote in any state or federal election.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.