

By Mr. Rosenberg, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Ellen Story (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize local voting rights for permanent resident aliens residing in the town of Amherst. Election Laws. [Local approval received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS RESIDING IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of
2 chapter fifty-one of the General Laws, or any other general or special
3 law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, resident aliens eighteen years
4 of age or older who reside in the town of Amherst may, upon applica-
5 tion, have their names entered on a list of voters established by the
6 town clerk for the town of Amherst and may thereafter vote in any
7 election for local offices and local ballot questions.

1 SECTION 2. The select board of Amherst is authorized to formu-
2 late regulations and guidelines to implement the purpose of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon
2 permanent resident aliens the right to vote for any state or federal
3 office or any state or federal ballot question.

