

Offered by Councilors Ayanna Pressley and Felix G. Arroyo



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ACT AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRE-REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (H. 683)

- WHEREAS**, Pre-registration allows 16½ and 17 year-olds to pre-register to vote and does not change the voting age, which remains 18; and,
- WHEREAS**, Pre-registration creates a uniform voter registration age whereby 16½ and 17 year-olds can be registered systematically within History, Social Studies, and Civics classes at schools, youth centers, and after-school programs; and,
- WHEREAS**, House Bill 683 An Act Relative to Pre-registration will allow a uniform registration age of 16½, making high school registration drives easier for students and administrators and allow students to register at the Registry of Motor Vehicles; and,
- WHEREAS**, Pre-registration of voters leads to greater levels of civic engagement among our young people, which strengthens ties between our youth and the City and ensures a more vigorous and inclusive democracy; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED**, That the Boston City Council go on record in support of An Act Relative to Pre-registration of Voters (H.683) and urges the Boston Delegation of the Massachusetts State Legislature to support passage of this bill this legislative session.

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