



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN INITIATIVE PETITION

FOR A LAW

Under Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit the use of electric shocks on any person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability for punishment, behavior modification, or for any reason other than medical resuscitation or for electroconvulsive treatment to which the person has consented. This prohibition would not apply to authorized law enforcement officers engaged in law enforcement duties.

The penalty for violating the proposed law would be imprisonment for

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than December 2, 2019. Thereafter, initiative petitions containing certified signatures must be retrieved by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA, no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019**.

not more than two-and-a-half years in a house of correction or five years in state prison. The penalty for a second or subsequent violation would be imprisonment in state prison for not more than ten years.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2021.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

Daniel J. Farnkoff	76 Readville Street	Boston
Trenita L. Worlds	218 Norwell Street, #1	Boston
Virginia D. Matthews	595 Ashmont Street	Boston
Geraldine McTomney	1040 Truman Highway	Boston
Kimberly Bobbi Garrison	95 Davison Street, #12	Boston
Jonee M. Walker	95 Davison Street, #12	Boston
Germain J. Harper	189 Ruskindale Road	Boston
Julie A. Gillis	79 Como Road	Boston
Lucas Roman	15 Pond Street	Boston
Michael R. Ball	120 Milton Avenue	Boston

These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 4, 2019.

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA

CIRCULATOR INFORMATION

SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:

Petition H
76 Readville St.
Hyde Park, MA 02136
857-247-5828

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS

- DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.
- For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once.
- If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	WARD	PREC.
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City or Town

Circulator petition
sheet number

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

(OVER)

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ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN: _____

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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WARNING - criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying, or suppressing this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

REGISTRAR INFORMATION

- You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.
- Check thus against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified, use the code at the right. Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures.
- Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
- You must complete certification no later than December 2, 2019.

- N** - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.
- S** - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.
- W** - wrong community.
- T** - already signed papers for this question.

CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

city or town _____ month and day _____

We certify that _____
(number of names certified – use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of

city or town _____ county _____

City or Town

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

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