



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

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.

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**.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	<p>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</p>	REGISTRAR USE ONLY:	ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA
	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 4, 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>William Francis Galvin</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p>	CIRCULATOR INFORMATION	<p>SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:</p> <p>Petition H 76 Readville St. Hyde Park, MA 02136 857-247-5828</p>

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

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.** **H**

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