

# A LAW TO REQUIRE VOTER ID

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## **Tell me more.**

36 states require voter id. Polling consistently shows more than 70 percent of all voters, D, R, and U, support requiring identification to vote.

## **What if I forget my ID on election day?**

No voter will be turned away from the polling location because they don't have an ID. A voter who is unable to produce a government-issued ID will be asked to sign an affidavit attesting to their identity, creating a document trail in the event of suspected election fraud.

## **When will the proposed law appear on the ballot?**

If 85,000 qualified signatures are gathered by mid-November, the initiative petition question will appear on the November 2022 ballot.

Remember, signature gathering time is not a time for debate and argument. If someone disagrees with the idea or is uncomfortable with signing, thank them for their time and move on.

## PRINTING A PETITION

First, download the file to your computer.

You may print it, at 100% scale, on any printer with the capability to print two-sided. If your printer doesn't allow 2-sided printing, you may want to print at Staples or another commercial outlet. Not following these guidelines can cause signatures gathered on that sheet to be disqualified.

Copies must be on white paper, two-sided, and in black ink.

Examine your copy carefully. Any extraneous marks or smudges can cause the entire sheet to be disqualified.

If you are at all uncomfortable with printing your own petition, pre-printed copies will be available beginning next week.

## LAUNCHING YOUR EFFORT

At the bottom of each side of the sheet, write the name of the town you are collecting for in the box. Any registered voter of the town named on the bottom of the sheet can sign.

Anytime you need to start a new sheet for a new town, you may.

Signatures must be in blue or black ink and must be legible. Printing, either in lieu of a signature or next to it for clarity, is acceptable. The ward and precinct columns can be left blank.

Remember to keep sheets clean. Marginal notes or scribbles, highlighting and underlining, food stains, and any other stray marks can disqualify a sheet.

Sheets need not be full; after a few days of collecting, you should turn yours in to the Town Clerk's office in the town written on the bottom and start fresh. Make sure the Clerk time and date stamps the sheet. The Clerk's Office will give you a receipt. Take a picture of the receipt with your phone and email it to [ballotinitiatives@massgop.com](mailto:ballotinitiatives@massgop.com).

If you are unable to turn in a sheet to the proper Clerk's office, e-mail your town captain or [ballotinitiatives@massgop.com](mailto:ballotinitiatives@massgop.com) to make other arrangements.



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## AN INITIATIVE PETITION

### FOR A LAW

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

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**FILING DEADLINES.** Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than November 29, 2021. 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 1, 2021**.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	Tatyana Medvedev Semyrog	41 Hawkins Place	Duxbury	<b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b>  <i>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</i>
	Maureen Maloney	22 Debbie Lane	Milford	
	Summer K. Schmaling	32 Indian Path Road	Halifax	
	Patricia Saint Aubin	6 Shady Way	Norfolk	
	Susan Dunnell	76 Parmenter Road	Hudson	
	Evelyn E. Curley	55 Tewksbury Street	Andover	
	Regina M. Taylor	45 Nichols Street	Chelsea	
	Luan M. Giannone	12 Strawberry Hill Road	Andover	
	Wendy Wakeman	140 Academy Road	North Andover	
	Todd B. Taylor	45 Nichols Street	Chelsea	

These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 1, 2021.

*William Francis Galvin*  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION	<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.</b></li> <li>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.</li> <li>If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.</li> </ul>			

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.
	1	2	3	4		
1						
2						
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*City or Town*

**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 November 29, 2021.

- 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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