



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 eliminate political party primaries for state elections and instead establish a system where there would be a single, all-party primary in which all candidates, regardless of their party affiliation, would be listed on one ballot, and voters could vote for any candidate on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary would advance to the general election ballot.

This proposed law would require candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to run and be listed jointly on the ballot in the primary. This proposed law would provide political party status to any group whose candidates for any statewide office received at least 3% of the ballots cast in the state primary.

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than June 29, 2026. 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, July 1, 2026.**

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	Danielle Susan Allen 102 Otis Street, #2 Kerry Murphy Healey 10 Curtis Point Philip John Edmundson 55 Cottage Street Nathan James Lockwood 91 Main Street Jennifer Ann Nassour 12 Mountview Road Elizabeth S. Bradt 22 Larchmont Road Richard Jeffrey Lyman 41 Turkey Shore Road Vivian Birchall 16 Wampus Avenue, #14 Kate Kavanagh 409 Old Bedford Road Kevin Pitney Johnson 131 Windsor Road	Cambridge Beverly Hingham Lunenburg Wellesley Salem Ipswich Acton Concord Newton	REGISTRAR USE ONLY: <i>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</i>
	These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 3, 2025.		

William Francis Galvin

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION	INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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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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ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF MAY SIGN THIS SHEET. **AA**

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City or Town

Circulator petition sheet number

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

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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

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INFORMATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 June 29, 2026. | <p>N - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.</p> <p>S - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.</p> <p>W - wrong community.</p> <p>T - already signed papers for this question.</p> |
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CERTIFICATION OF NAMES

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

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

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

date

Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of

city or town county

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

