

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1490**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carole A. Fiola*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1490) of Carole A. Fiola and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “subscribed”, in line 4, the  
3 words:- , electronically or in person

4           SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 7, the following words after the word  
6 “Procedure.”:- If a complaint is submitted electronically by the complainant, the complainant, if  
7 a law enforcement officer, may, in lieu of being examined on oath by justice, subscribe to the  
8 complaint under the pains and penalties of perjury.

9           SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 275 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “subscribed”, in line 5, the  
11 words:- , electronically or in person

12           SECTION 4. Section 2 of chapter 275 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 5, the flowing words after the word  
14 “complainant.”:- If a complaint is submitted electronically by the complainant, the complainant,  
15 if a law enforcement officer, may, in lieu of being examined on oath by such court or a justice,  
16 subscribe to the complaint under the pains and penalties of perjury.