

HOUSE No. 1576

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul F. Tucker

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 authorizing electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaint.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul F. Tucker

7th Essex

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1576) of Paul F. Tucker and Timothy R. Whelan relative to authorizing electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaint.

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 2014
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 2014
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 7, the following words after the word
6 “Procedure.”:- If a complaint is subscribed to electronically by the complainant, the complainant,
7 if a law enforcement officer, may, in lieu of being examined on oath by a 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 2014
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “subscribed”, in line 5, the
11 words:- , electronically or in person