

SENATE No. 1871

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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 establishing a commission on electronic notarization.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1871) of Eric P. Lesser, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and José F. Tosado for legislation to establish a commission on electronic notarization. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act establishing a commission on electronic notarization.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be
2 established a commission called the electronic notarization study commission, hereinafter
3 referred to as the commission, for the purpose of identifying best practices for the
4 implementation of electronic notarization in the commonwealth.

5 The commission shall be made up of 12 members: 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom
6 shall be selected by the senate president and 1 of whom shall be selected by the minority leader
7 of the senate; 3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be selected by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be selected by the minority leader of
9 the house of representatives; the secretary of state or the secretary’s designee; 4 elected registers
10 of deeds from geographically diverse areas of the state, who shall be chosen by the secretary of
11 state; and the supervisor of public records.

12 The commission shall recommend technology neutral standards for secure and feasible
13 implementation of electronic notarization. The commission shall report its findings along with
14 any necessary or recommended legislation filed with the joint committee on state administration
15 and regulatory oversight and the senate and house committee on ways and means no later than 3
16 months after the final committee meeting.