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SENATE . . . . . No. 998

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 on search warrant applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	
Timothy R. Whelan	*1st Barnstable*	*1/25/2019*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 998) of Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Whelan and Hannah Kane for legislation to authorize electronic signatures on search warrant applications. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing electronic signatures on search warrant applications.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2A of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the first sentence, in line 1, the following words:- "The signature on the warrant may be made by electronic signature."

SECTION 2. Section 2B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "personally", in line 2, the words:- "or through wire or electronic means"

SECTION 3. Section 2B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further amended by inserting after the word "form,", in line 13, the words:- "and the signature therein be made by electronic signature".