

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1891**

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**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 relative to authorizing electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaint.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1891) of Paul F. Tucker and Timothy R. Whelan relative to authorizing electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaint. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to 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