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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 authorizing electronic signatures on search warrant applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul F. Tucker	*7th Essex*	*1/21/2021*
Timothy R. Whelan	*1st Barnstable*	*2/5/2021*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*3/10/2021*

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1892) of Paul F. Tucker, Timothy R. Whelan and Hannah Kane relative to authorizing electronic signatures on search warrant applications. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 2014 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 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, 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 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “form,”, in line 13, the words:- and the signature therein be made by electronic signature