

HOUSE No. 50

So much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 25) as relates to the use of electronic signatures under Chapter 32. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the use of electronic signatures under Chapter 32.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Public Employee
2 Retirement Administration Commission in conjunction with the State Retirement Board, the
3 State Teachers Retirement Board, and representatives of two retirement boards designated by the
4 Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems shall develop guidelines
5 authorizing retirement boards to utilize electronic forms and electronic signatures for benefit
6 requests, and all related transactions under Chapter 32 of the General Laws, including but not
7 limited to applications for all types of retirement allowances and pensions, survivor benefits, the
8 return of member's accumulated total deductions, changes of beneficiaries, authorization for
9 direct deposit, group classification requests, changes of address and changes of federal tax
10 withholding amounts. The State Retirement Board and the State Teachers Retirement Board
11 may implement the use of electronic signatures as contemplated by this act.