

HOUSE No. 1690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 criminal complaints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Steven J. Ouellette</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1690) of Carole A. Fiola and Steven J. Ouellette relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4331 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints.

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 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 4, after the word “subscribed” the
3 following words:- , electronically or in person.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 22 of said chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting, in line 7, after the word “Procedure.” the following words:-
6 A law enforcement officer acting as complainant, may, if submitting a complaint electronically,
7 in lieu of being examined on oath by a justice, subscribe to the complaint electronically under the
8 pains and penalties of perjury.

9 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 275 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word “subscribed” the following words:- ,
11 electronically or in person,.

12 SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said chapter 275 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
13 hereby further amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word “complainant.” the following
14 words:- A law enforcement officer acting as complainant, may, if submitting a complaint
15 electronically, in lieu of being examined on oath by such court or a justice, subscribe to the
16 complaint electronically under the pains and penalties of perjury.