

HOUSE No. 5009

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

INITIATIVE PETITION OF VICKI JEAN MCAULEY AND OTHERS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

BOSTON, January 7, 2026.

Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Sir: — I herewith transmit to you, in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution “An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to Labor Relations Policies for Committee for Public Counsel Services Employees,” signed by ten qualified voters and filed with this department on or before December 3, 2025, together with additional signatures of qualified voters in the number of 86,153, being a sufficient number to comply with the provisions of said Article.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN INITIATIVE PETITION.

Pursuant to Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended, the undersigned qualified voters of the Commonwealth, ten in number at least, hereby petition for the enactment into law of the following measure:

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

An Act relative to labor relations policies for committee for public counsel services employees.

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Section 1 of chapter 150E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding to the end of the seventh paragraph, titled
3 "Employer" or "public employer", the following sentence: "In the case of employees of the
4 committee for public counsel services, employer shall mean the committee for public counsel
5 services or its designee."

6 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 150E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
7 hereby amended by striking the word "or" before the phrase "the state lottery commission" in
8 line 16 and adding the following words after that phrase: "or the committee for public counsel
9 services."

10 SECTION 3. Said section 7 of said chapter 150E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
11 hereby amended by striking the word "and" before the words "the state lottery commission"
12 appearing in line 34 and inserting after the word "commission" in line 35 the following words:
13 "and committee for public counsel services."

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>CITY OR TOWN</u>
Vicki Jean McAuley	137 Indian Trail	Pembroke
John J. Magner	28 Woodlock Road	Hingham
Jayne Fogarty	254 Walnut Street	Barnstable
William Bonnetti	254 Walnut Street	Barnstable
Charles Joseph Gillen, Jr.	414 John Mahar Highway, #307	Braintree
Neil O'Brien	33 Woodcrest Drive	Wakefield
Kathryn M. O'Brien	33 Woodcrest Drive	Wakefield
MaryBeth O'Brien	33 Woodcrest Drive	Wakefield
Mark Bernard Davern	105 Constitution Avenue	Weymouth
Thomas Michael McKeever	27 Curtis Road	Hanover

CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

September 3, 2025.

Honorable William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Re: Initiative Petition No. 25-22: Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to
Labor Relations Policies for Committee for Public Counsel Services Employees

Dear Secretary Galvin:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 48 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, I have reviewed the above-referenced initiative petition, which was submitted to me on or before the first Wednesday of August of this year.

I hereby certify that this measure is in proper form for submission to the people; that the measure is not, either affirmatively or negatively, substantially the same as any measure which has been qualified for submission or submitted to the people at either of the two preceding biennial state elections; and that it contains only subjects that are related or are mutually dependent and which are not excluded from the initiative process pursuant to Article 48, the Initiative, Part 2, Section 2.

In accordance with Article 48, I enclose a fair, concise summary of the measure.

Sincerely,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL,
Attorney General.

SUMMARY OF 25-22

This proposed law would specify that employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (“CPCS”) are permitted to engage in collective bargaining with their employer. It would also require CPCS, after executing a collective bargaining agreement, to request the appropriation necessary to fund such agreement from the Governor.