

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

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**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>1/9/2025</i>

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**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.