

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H2027

**TITLE:** An Act to protect electronic privacy.

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven

**COSPONSOR(S):** Rep. Carmine Lawrence Gentile

**HEARING DATE:** July 15, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** None

**SENATE BILL:** None

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** September 13, 2025 (subject extensions, in accordance with House Rule 27)

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 1B of Chapter 276 outlines the requirements for search warrants for records possessed by foreign corporations providing electronic communication or remote computing services. It authorizes a court or justice to issue a warrant for such records upon a showing of probable cause.

Section 2B of Chapter 276 provides a model affidavit to be used in support of an application for a search warrant.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Section 1 – Updates Section 1B of Chapter 276 by:

- Adding definitions for “cell site stimulator device,” “electronic device,” “location information,” “location information service” and “metadata”
- Restricts access by government officers and public officials to data stored or transmitted through these services to only with informed consent, a judicial warrant or a warrant exception.
- Adds specificity requirements to the warrant standards to access this data and only permits the use of a cell site stimulator device if wiretap standards are met under the law.
- Expands these restrictions to Massachusetts corporations.
- Requires the permanent deletion of information and metadata collected by persons not specified in the warrant or of persons specified in the warrant if probable cause of criminal behavior is not met.

- Requires the warrant be delivered to the customer, subscriber or user of the targeted electronic device with specific information on its use but this notification may be delayed by the Court.
- Judges must report these warrants to the Office of Court Management within the Trial Court who shall transmit a report to the legislature and the public.

Section 2 – Adds a new Section 2A ½ to Chapter 276 providing a form for a warrant issued pursuant to Section 1B of the Chapter.

Section 3 – Updates Section 2B of Chapter 276 to include references to records or data and not just property.