

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

WARRANT FOR THE 2018 STATE ELECTION

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City of Newton



GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are notified that voters qualified to vote in State Elections to vote at:

Wards 1-8, All Precincts
See attached list of polling locations

on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

- SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- ATTORNEY GENERAL.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- SECRETARY OF STATE.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- AUDITOR.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....FOURTH DISTRICT
- COUNCILLOR.....THIRD DISTRICT
- SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....FIRST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....10TH, 11TH & 12TH DISTRICT
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....NORTHERN DISTRICT
- CLERK OF COURTS.....MIDDLESEX COUNTY
- REGISTER OF DEEDS.....MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care, as follows:

- In units with step-down/intermediate care patients: 3 patients per nurse;
- In units with post-anesthesia care or operating room patients: 1 patient under anesthesia per nurse; 2 patients post-anesthesia per nurse;

- In the emergency services department: 1 critical or intensive care patient per nurse (or 2 if the nurse has assessed each patient's condition as stable); 2 urgent non-stable patients per nurse; 3 urgent stable patients per nurse; or 5 non-urgent stable patients per nurse;
- In units with maternity patients: (a) active labor patients: 1 patient per nurse; (b) during birth and for up to two hours immediately postpartum: 1 mother per nurse and 1 baby per nurse; (c) when the condition of the mother and baby are determined to be stable: 1 mother and her baby or babies per nurse; (d) postpartum: 6 patients per nurse; (e) intermediate care or continuing care babies: 2 babies per nurse; (f) well-babies: 6 babies per nurse;
- In units with pediatric, medical, surgical, telemetry, or observational/outpatient treatment patients, or any other unit: 4 patients per nurse; and
- In units with psychiatric or rehabilitation patients: 5 patients per nurse.

The proposed law would require a covered facility to comply with the patient assignment limits without reducing its level of nursing, service, maintenance, clerical, professional, and other staff.

The proposed law would also require every covered facility to develop a written patient acuity tool for each unit to evaluate the condition of each patient. This tool would be used by nurses in deciding whether patient limits should be lower than the limits of the proposed law at any given time.

The proposed law would not override any contract in effect on January 1, 2019 that set higher patient limits. The proposed law's limits would take effect after any such contract expired.

The state Health Policy Commission would be required to promulgate regulations to implement the proposed law. The Commission could conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the law. Any facility receiving written notice from the Commission of a complaint or a violation would be required to submit a written compliance plan to the Commission. The Commission could report violations to the state Attorney General, who could file suit to obtain a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation as well as up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continued after the Commission notified the covered facility of the violation. The Health Policy Commission would be required to establish a toll-free telephone number for complaints and a website where complaints, compliance plans, and violations would appear.

The proposed law would prohibit discipline or retaliation against any employee for complying with the patient assignment limits of the law. The proposed law would require every covered facility to post within each unit, patient room, and waiting area a notice explaining the patient limits and how to report violations. Each day of a facility's non-compliance with the posting requirement would be punishable by a civil penalty between \$250 and \$2,500.

The proposed law's requirements would be suspended during a state or nationally declared public health emergency.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission's first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission's report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings.

A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

QUESTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?

SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" is defined in existing law

as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. "Gender identity" is defined as a person's sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person's admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person's gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis of gender identity.

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

NEWTON MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION

BALLOT QUESTION TO AUTHORIZE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES IN THE CITY OF NEWTON

Shall the City of Newton adopt the following zoning ordinance?

The number of recreational marijuana retail establishments allowed to operate shall be not fewer than two (2) nor more than four (4) establishments set by a general ordinance adopted by the City Council.

"YES" vote on this question would authorize the City Council to pass an ordinance limiting the allowed number of recreational marijuana retail stores to fewer than the otherwise required minimum of eight (8): specifically, between two (2) and four (4) recreational marijuana retail stores. The exact number of retail stores allowed to open within this range would be determined by a separate ordinance enacted by the City Council.

A "NO" vote would leave the current law in place: that is, the Newton City Council may limit the number of recreational marijuana retail stores in Newton to no fewer than twenty per cent (20%) of Newton's retail liquor store licenses, or eight (8) stores.

BALLOT QUESTION TO AUTHORIZE BANNING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES IN THE CITY OF NEWTON

Shall the City of Newton adopt the following general ordinance?

All recreational marijuana retail establishments shall be prohibited from operating in the City of Newton.

A "YES" vote on this question would authorize the City Council to pass an ordinance banning any recreational marijuana retail stores from operating in Newton.

A "NO" vote would leave the current law in place: that is, the Newton City Council may limit the number of recreational marijuana retail stores in Newton to no fewer than twenty per cent (20%) of Newton's retail liquor store licenses, or eight (8) stores.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.



Attest: David A. Olson, City Clerk

**CITY OF NEWTON
POLLING LOCATIONS 2018**

<u>WARD</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1	1	Lincoln Eliot School	191 Pearl Street
1	2	Grace Episcopal Church	76 Eldredge Street
1	3	Bigelow Middle School	42 Vernon Street
1	4	Pellegrini Playground Fieldhouse	11 Hawthorn Street
2	1	Horace Mann School	687 Watertown Street
2	2	Cabot Park Village	280 Newtonville Avenue
2	3	Newton Senior Center	345 Walnut Street
2	4	Newton Free Library	330 Homer Street
3	1	Newton Community Service Center	492 Waltham Street
3	2	Peirce School	170 Temple Street
3	3	Newton Community Service Center	492 Waltham Street
3	4	Franklin School	125 Derby Street
4	1	Burr School	171 Pine Street
4	2	Hamilton Community Center	545 Grove Street
4	3	Williams School	141 Grove Street
4	4	Burr School	171 Pine Street
5	1	Emerson Community Center	51 Pettee Street
5	2	Hyde Community Center	90 Lincoln Street
5	3	Waban Library Center	1608 Beacon Street
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6	1	Bowen School	280 Cypress Street
6	2	Weeks House	7 Hereward Road
6	3	Hyde Community Center	90 Lincoln Street
6	4	Mason Rice School	149 Pleasant Street
7	1	Church of the Redeemer	379 Hammond Street
7	2	Bigelow Middle School	42 Vernon Street
7	3	Ward School	10 Dolphin Road
7	4	Ward School	10 Dolphin Road
8	1	Oak Hill Middle School	130 Wheeler Road
8	2	Temple Beth Avodah	45 Puddingstone Lane
8	3	Countryside School	191 Dedham Street
8	4	Shuman Community Center	675 Saw Mill Brook Pkwy

POLLING LOCATIONS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.