



# Your vote counts, so go out and vote!

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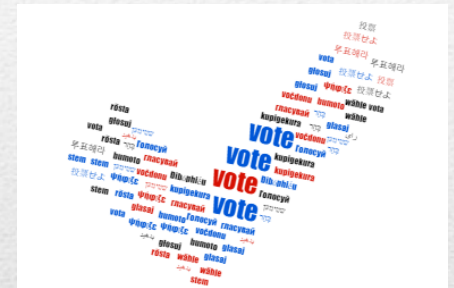


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**July 16-20 is  
National Disability Voter Registration Week**

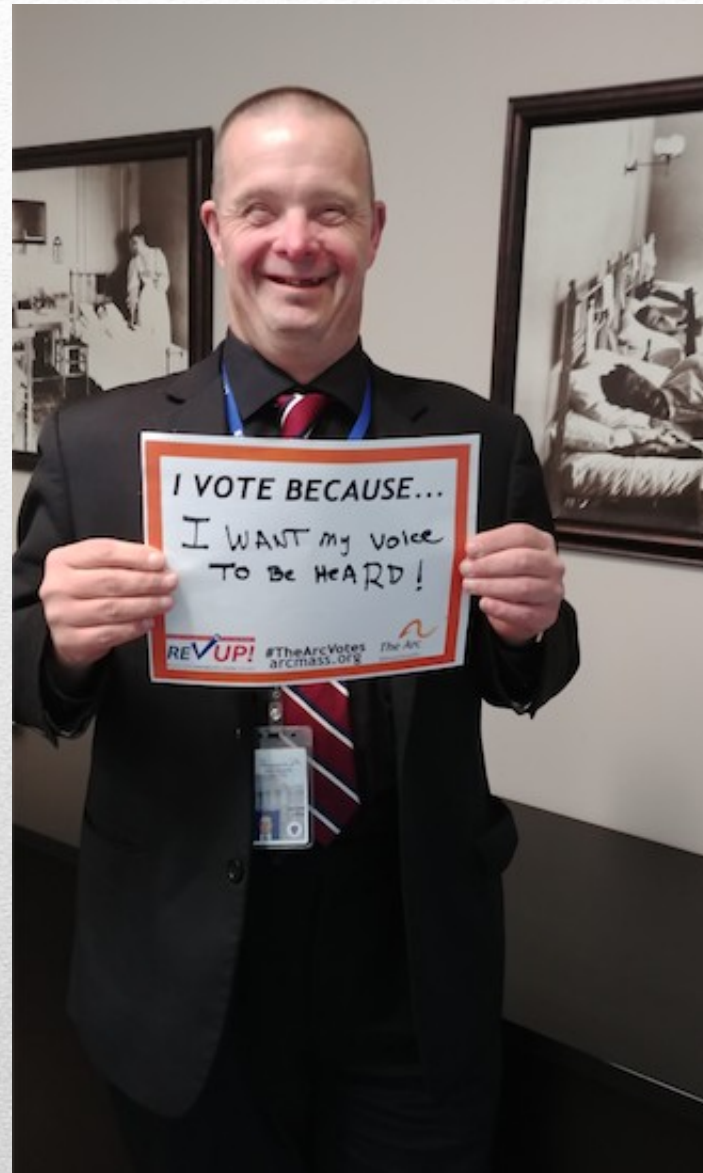


# What is voting?

Your right

Your voice

Your opportunity  
to create change



Voting “is a way for elected officials to know what their constituents want, what our country wants. The way to make your voice heard is by your vote.”

“It’s important to vote because it’s how we, as a nation, impact the laws that structure our society.”



**Voting “is the most basic fundamental right that American citizens have, and it’s so incredibly important that people exercise it.”**

**- Congressman Joe Kennedy III**



## Primary Election

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- An election to choose the candidates that will represent their political party in the general election.
- This year in Massachusetts, the **Primary Election** will be held on Tuesday, **September 4, 2018.**

## General Election

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- A regular election for statewide or national offices.
- This year in Massachusetts, the **General Election** will be held on Tuesday, **November 6, 2018.**



## Types of Elections

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# Calendar

**August 15, 2018**

(Wednesday)

Registration deadline for the  
Massachusetts Primary Election

**September 4, 2018**

(Tuesday)

The Massachusetts **Primary Election**

**October 17, 2018**

(Wednesday)

Registration deadline for  
The Massachusetts General Election

**November 6, 2018**

(Tuesday)

The Massachusetts **General Election**





# Who can vote?

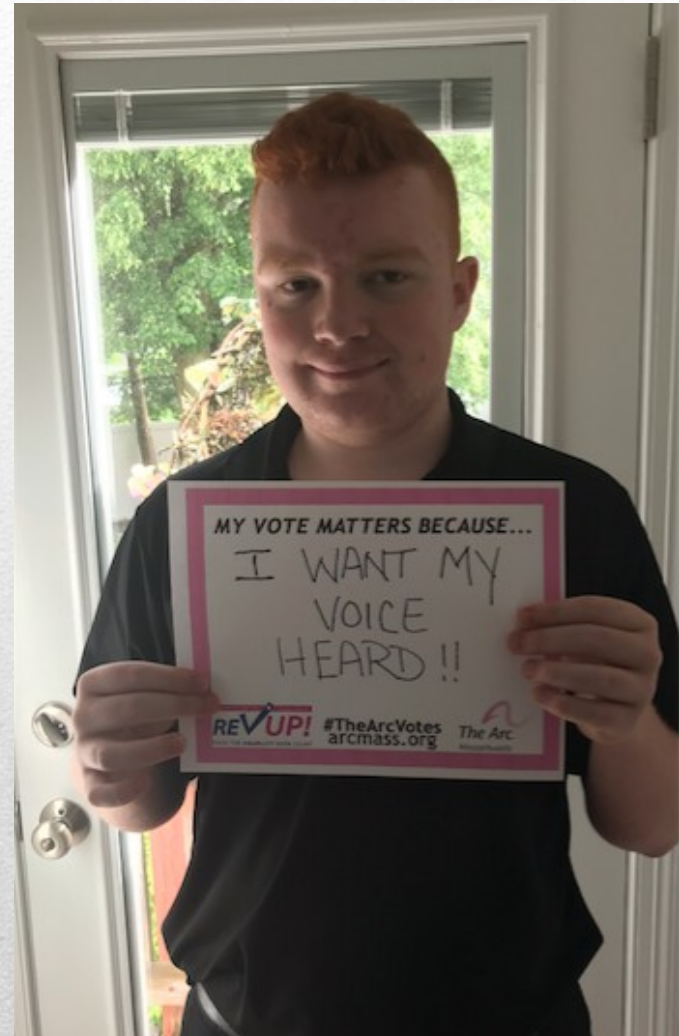
## You may vote in Massachusetts if:

You are a **citizen** of the United States;  
and

You are **18 years old**; and

You are **not currently incarcerated** by  
reason of a felony conviction.

If you meet the above requirements,  
you may apply online, by mail, or in  
person.



# Are people with disabilities allowed to vote?

Voting is a fundamental right of all American citizens.



“Massachusetts residents who are under guardianship are still eligible to register and vote under most circumstances. **Unless a court specifically states that the person under guardianship is restricted from registering or voting, that person remains eligible to vote**, as long as they meet all other requirements for voting.”

- Elections Division, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# Know Your Rights

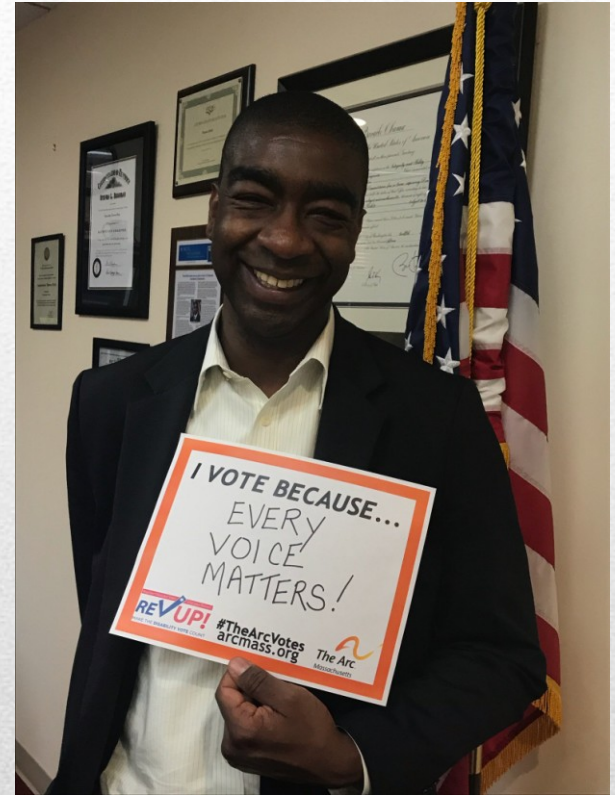
## As a voter with a disability, you have the right to

- vote privately and independently
- have an accessible polling place with voting machines for voters with disabilities

## You may either

- seek assistance from workers at the polling place who have been trained to use the accessible voting machines, or
- bring someone to help you vote

**You may** request your local election officials to tell you about any voting aids, voting assistance, and absentee ballot procedures that are available.



**Commissioner Thomas Hicks**, Chairman of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission

# Getting Help with Voting

If you need help voting because of a disability, **you have the right to get help from almost any person you choose:**

- a family member
- a friend
- a supporter
- a poll worker

**The two kinds of people who *cannot* help you vote are:**

- your boss or someone working for your boss
- if you belong to a labor union, an officer or agent of that labor union



Anyone helping you vote must respect your choices and cannot assume he or she knows who you want to vote for.



# Your Rights

## When Someone Is Helping You Vote

- The helper must respect your privacy at all times.
- If you have a hard time reading the ballot, you may
  - ask for a voting machine that reads aloud the choices on the ballot
  - ask a helper to read aloud all the names on the ballot.
- If you have a hard time marking the ballot by yourself, you can tell the helper which person you want to vote for.

# **What You Can Expect from Officials When You Vote**

- **Election officials must help you vote if you ask for their help.**
  - They must ensure that you can use all of their voting booths, ballots or other voting forms, voting machines, and any other voting equipment.
- **Service providers and election officials must make reasonable changes to their policies in order to help you vote.**
- **The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) says that all disability service agencies are voter registration agencies.**
  - They must give you voter registration forms, if you ask for them.
  - They must help you fill them out.
  - They must send the form to the appropriate agency for processing.



# Accessible Polling Places

Accessible voting provides the same opportunity for access and participation to persons with disabilities as for other voters.

**All polling places in Massachusetts must provide access on a permanent or temporary basis on Election Day.**

Voting assistance and absentee voting offer options that persons with disabilities *may* use to vote, but are not considered substitutes for actual accessibility to the voting location.

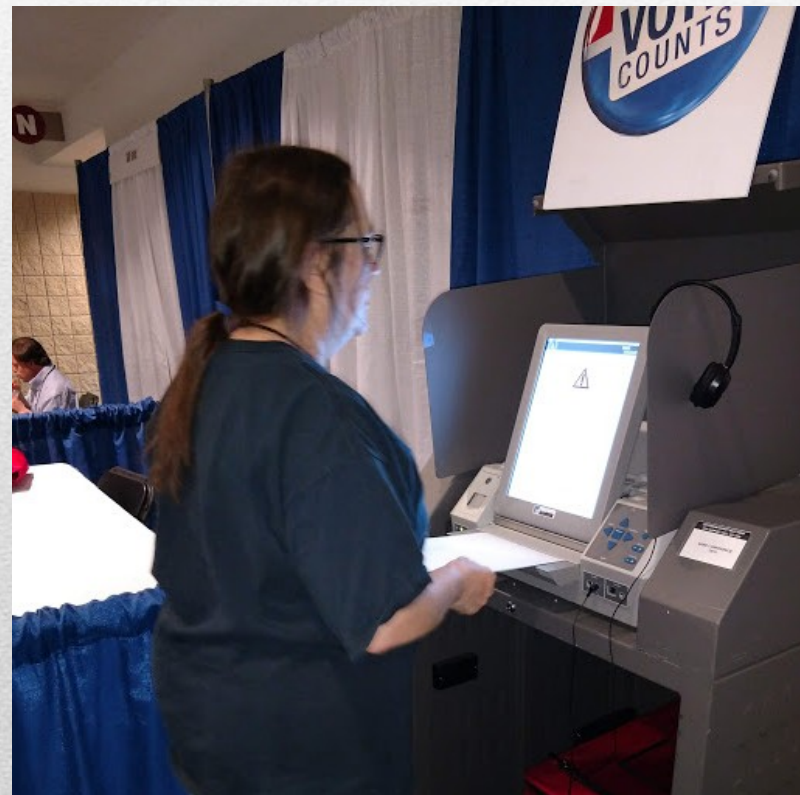


# Accessible Voting Equipment

Polling places must be equipped for voters with disabilities, allowing them to have the **same opportunity to vote privately and independently**. Every precinct must have at least one accessible voting machine available.

## The **AutoMARK**:

- is a marking device that uses audio cue capacity for visually impaired voters
- has a feature that will greatly magnify the ballot or display the ballot high-contrast for voters that have limited visual impairment
- can produce an oral report to the voter of the choices selected prior to the voter printing the ballot.





# Accessibility complaints?

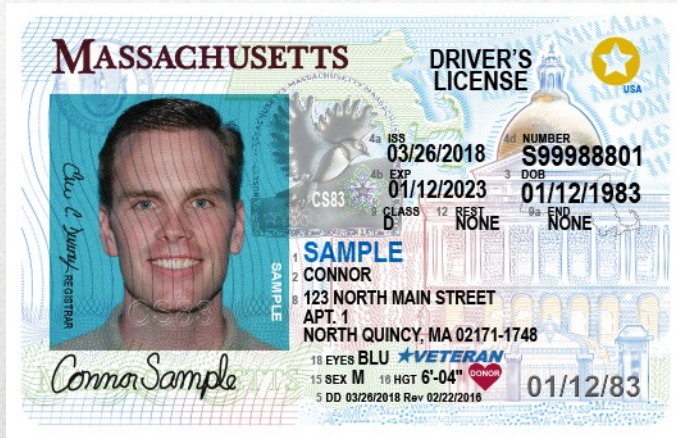
The Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to making voting as accessible for all voters.

Please let the Elections Division know how it can improve accessibility by calling 800-462-VOTE (8683) (toll free) or 617-727-2828.

You may also e-mail [elections@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:elections@sec.state.ma.us).

# When is identification required?

If you are voting for the first time or have been an inactive voter, you may be asked to show identification.



**Acceptable identification must include your name and the address at which you are registered to vote.** Examples of acceptable identification include: a driver's license, state-issued ID card, recent utility bill, rent receipt, lease, a copy of a voter registration affidavit, or any other printed identification which contains the voter's name and address.



# How to register to vote

## 1) You may register to vote online.

- In order to register to vote online, you must have a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- If you currently have a Massachusetts driver's license or state ID card, you may use the online voter registration application to register, update your address, or change your party affiliation.
- Voter registration forms submitted online must be submitted by midnight on the date of the voter registration deadline.

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

# How to register to vote

## 2) You may register to vote by mail.

- If you do not qualify to register to vote online, or if you would prefer to register by mail, you may download the voter registration form available on the Elections Division webpage. (See the example on the next slide.)
- The form must be completed, signed, and delivered to your local election official.
- Voter registration forms submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than the voter registration deadline.

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm>



# Sample Voter Registration Form

Print all information in black ink. Follow above instructions for proper delivery.

<b>1</b>	<b>Check one:</b> Are you a Citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: If you checked "no," do not complete this form.			
<b>2</b>	<b>Full name:</b>	<i>last name</i>	<i>first name</i>	<i>middle name or initial</i> <i>Jr. Sr. II III IV</i> <i>(circle one if appropriate)</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Former name:</b>	<i>last name</i>	<i>first name</i>	<i>middle name or initial</i> <i>Jr. Sr. II III IV</i> <i>(circle one if appropriate)</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Address where you live now</b> ( <i>street number / street name / rural route number &amp; box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code</i> ):			
<b>5</b>	<b>Address where you receive all your mail</b> (if different from #4):			
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b> <i>month day year</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>Identification #:</b> <i>license # or last 4 digits of SSN</i>	<b>8</b>
				<b>Telephone (optional):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Check if unlisted</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>Party enrollment or designation</b> (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Democratic</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Republican</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Libertarian</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No Party (unenrolled)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Political Designation (not a political party):</i>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Address at which you were last registered to vote</b> ( <i>street number / street name / rural route number &amp; box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code</i> ):			
<b>11</b>	<b>If the applicant is unable to sign this form, give the name, address and telephone number (optional) of the person helping the applicant:</b> <i>name</i> <i>address</i> <i>telephone number (optional)</i>			
<b>12</b>	<b>I hereby swear (affirm)</b> that I am the person named above, that the above information is true, that <b>I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES</b> , that I am at least 16 years old and I understand that I must be 18 years old to be eligible to vote, that I am not a person under a guardianship which prohibits my registering to vote, that I am not temporarily or permanently disqualified by law from voting because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, that I am not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, and that I consider this residence to be my home. Signed under the penalty of perjury.			
<b>13</b>	<b>Today's date:</b> <i>month day year</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>Signed:</b> <i>Sign your name here.</i>	

# How to register to vote

## 3) You may register to vote in person.

- If you would like to register in person, you may do so at any local election office, as well as the Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office (1 Ashburton Place, #1705, Boston, MA 02108).
- Voter registration is also available as part of every transaction at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and at certain public assistance agencies.
- Voter registration forms completed in person are valid as of the day that they are signed.



# How do I find out where to vote?

## Find my election information

### To find your election information:

- Enter your residential address.
- This address must be in a city or town in Massachusetts.
- If you live in a village, view list of [village names \(opens in new window or tab\)](#) to find the city or town name for your village.
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

### \* Required: Enter your street address in 3 separate boxes

1. Your street number (numbers only):
2. Your street name:
3. Select street suffix:

### \* Required: Provide a city or town, or your zip code


- Your city or town:
- Or your zip code (numbers only):

Clear fields

Show my results

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>

# Sample Ballot

 <p><b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b>  <b>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION</b>  <b>WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS</b>  <b>APRIL 25, 2017</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Betsy Sheeran</i> TOWN CLERK</p>		
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b></p> <p>A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.</p> <p>C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.</p>		
<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for Two</p> <p>PHYLIS J. HULL <input type="radio"/> 14 Indian Hill Rd.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>DANIEL L. BENJAMIN, JR. <input type="radio"/> 10 Popple St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>MEHRUN N. BUTT <input type="radio"/> 864 Main St. #10      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>STEPHEN NATHAN CHASE <input type="radio"/> 31 Elmwood St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>EDWARD DOMBROSKI, JR. <input type="radio"/> 15 Chestnut St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>JAMES A. LAFRANCESCO <input type="radio"/> 247 Salem St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for Two</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER J. CALLANAN <input type="radio"/> 500 Salem St. #205      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>ASHLEY SHAE CHASE <input type="radio"/> 31 Emerson St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>ANNE-MARIE FORTIER <input type="radio"/> 78 Greenwood Ave.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>EVAN MICHAEL KENNEY <input type="radio"/> 7 Central St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>GEORGE J. POWERS <input type="radio"/> 12 Condit Rd.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for Three</p> <p>MICHAEL J. BOURQUE <input type="radio"/> 15 Shattuck Rd.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>JOSEPH SEBASTIANO TRINGALE <input type="radio"/> 33 Brook St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>SUSAN M. WELSH <input type="radio"/> 12 Sunset Dr.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>BETSY SHEERAN <input type="radio"/> 27 Spruce St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>MUNICIPAL GAS &amp; LIGHTING COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>JOHN J. WARCHOL <input type="radio"/> 10 Richardson Ave.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>LANING BOARD</b></p> <p>Two Year Term      Vote for one</p> <p>WILLIAM M. D'AMORE <input type="radio"/> 91 Green St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p>One Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>WILLIAM HARBISON CARROLL <input type="radio"/> 48 Forest St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>SEBASTIAN P. TINE <input type="radio"/> 133 Greenwood St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>ALISON J. MEHLMAN <input type="radio"/> 78 Greenwood Ave.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>CONSTABLE</b></p> <p>Three Year Term      Vote for One</p> <p>JOHN J. RUEHRWEIN, SR. <input type="radio"/> 32 Pine St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>KEVIN J. LOPES <input type="radio"/> 125 Oak St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>ROBERT S. STEWART <input type="radio"/> 56 Emerson St.      Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		

**QUESTION 3 / PREGUNTA 3**  
**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 3, 2016?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

YES/Í   
NO

## Sample Ballot Initiative Question



# Absentee Ballot

In order to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot in Massachusetts, a voter must be prevented from voting at their polling place on Election Day, due to:

- Absence from the voter's city or town on Election Day
- Physical disability
- Religious belief

**Sample Ballot**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
**NORTHBOROUGH,**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**May 8, 2018**

*Andrew T. David*  
TOWN CLERK

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval  to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write that person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

OFFICE	TERMS	VOTE
<b>MODERATOR</b>	1 YEAR	vote for one
Frederick A. George Jr. <i>(Incumbent)</i>	56 Wesson Terrace	<input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	3 YEARS	vote for two
William J. Pantazis <i>(Incumbent)</i>	10 Mulberry Lane	<input type="radio"/>
Julianne S. Hirsh	19 Smith Road	<input type="radio"/>
Timothy M. Kaelin	42 Davis Street	<input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	3 YEARS	vote for two
Leslie RM Harrison <i>(Incumbent)</i>	28 Moore Lane	<input type="radio"/>
Kerri A. Martinek	16 Herlock Drive	<input type="radio"/>
Anthony W. Zilon	17 Franklin Circle	<input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	3 YEARS	vote for two
Lauren C. Bailey	11 Elmwood Drive	<input type="radio"/>
Hallie Jean Barak	311 Davis Street	<input type="radio"/>
Kelly L. Gunette	69 Northgate Road	<input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>
		WRITE IN SPACE ONLY <input type="radio"/>

**N/S REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**(Northborough Candidates)**  
3 YEARS

vote for two

Helynn B. Winter  
*(Incumbent)* 22 Groatill Lane

Kathleen M. Howland 20 School Street

WRITE IN SPACE ONLY

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**N/S REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**(Southborough Candidates)**  
3 YEARS

vote for two

Kathleen A. Harragan  
*(Incumbent)* 28 Defene Drive

Cathy A. Kea  
*(Incumbent)* 1 Ashley Road

WRITE IN SPACE ONLY

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