



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN INITIATIVE PETITION

FOR A LAW

Under Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require waste-to-energy and biomass renewable energy sources relying on combustion or pyrolyzation (decomposition caused by heat) to emit no more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour in order to be considered "renewable energy generating sources," "Class I renewable energy generating sources," "Class II renewable energy generating sources," "alternative energy developments," or "alternative energy properties" under state laws concerning renewable and alternative energy programs.

Under current state law, retail electricity suppliers are required to provide a minimum percentage of kilowatt-hour sales to end-use customers in Massachusetts from "Class I renewable energy generating sources" and "Class II renewable energy generating sources." The proposed law would prohibit

retail electricity suppliers from satisfying these requirements through the use of waste-to-energy and biomass renewable energy sources that rely on combustion or pyrolyzation if such energy sources emit more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour.

Also under current state law, the state Department of Energy Resources is responsible for administering programs related to alternative energy development and alternative energy properties. The proposed law would exclude from these programs waste-to-energy and biomass energy sources that rely on combustion or pyrolyzation if such energy sources emit more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour.

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than July 2, 2010. Thereafter, initiative petitions containing certified signatures must be retrieved by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA, no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.**

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	Susan E. Laing	47 Phillips Street	Greenfield	REGISTRAR USE ONLY: <i>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</i>
	Margaret E. Sheehan	732 Main Street	Williamstown	
	Laura A. Westover	732 Main Street	Williamstown	
	Eric B. Reustle	41 Oakview Terrace, # 3	Boston	
	Jesus Leyva	39 West Street, # 1R	Northampton	
	Carol M. Brussel	300 Bridge Street	Northampton	
	Robert W. Aronson	71 Sylvester Road	Northampton	
	Marcie J. Stock	71 Sylvester Road	Northampton	
	Elizabeth Jeffs Lombard	39 Munroe Street	Northampton	
	John C. Lombard	39 Munroe Street	Northampton	
<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 2, 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>William Francis Galvin</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p>				

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION	INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET. For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence. 			

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	WARD	PREC.
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City or Town

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN:

REGISTRAR USE ONLY		I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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WARNING - criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying, or suppressing this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

REGISTRAR INFORMATION

- You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.
- Check thus ✓ against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified, use the code at the right. Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures.
- Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
- You must complete certification no later than July 2, 2010.

- N - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.
- S - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.
- W - wrong community.
- T - already signed papers for this question.

CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

_____ city or town _____ month and day

We certify that _____
(number of names certified – use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus ✓ are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of

_____ city or town _____ county

City or Town

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

