

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

AMHERST

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

810/810

William Francis Galvin
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 the person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

ELIZABETH A. WARREN ++++++ Democratic
24 Linnaean St., Cambridge
Candidate for Re-election

GEOFF DIEHL ++++++ Republican
10 Village Way, Whitman

SHIVA AYYADURAI ++++++ Independent
69 Snake Hill Rd., Belmont

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GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Vote for ONE

BAKER and POLITO ++++++ Republican

GONZALEZ and PALFREY ++++++ Democratic

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Vote for ONE

MAURA HEALEY ++++++ Democratic
40 Winthrop St., Boston
Candidate for Re-election

JAMES R. McMAHON, III ++++++ Republican
14 Canal View Rd., Bourne

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Vote for ONE

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN ++++++ Democratic
46 Lake St., Boston
Candidate for Re-election

ANTHONY M. AMORE ++++++ Republican
182 Norfolk Ave., Swampscott

JUAN G. SANCHEZ, JR. ++++++ Green-Rainbow
362 High St., Holyoke

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TREASURER

Vote for ONE

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG ++++++ Democratic
37 Hyslop Rd., Brookline
Candidate for Re-election

KEIKO M. ORRALL ++++++ Republican
120 Crooked Ln., Lakeville

JAMIE M. GUERIN ++++++ Green-Rainbow
386 Pleasant St., Northampton

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AUDITOR

Vote for ONE

SUZANNE M. BUMP ++++++ Democratic
6 Hoe Shop St., Easton
Candidate for Re-election

HELEN BRADY ++++++ Republican
1630 Monument St., Concord

DANIEL FISHMAN ++++++ Libertarian
36 Colgate Rd., Beverly

EDWARD J. STAMAS ++++++ Green-Rainbow
42 Laurel Park, Northampton

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

SECOND DISTRICT Vote for ONE

JAMES P. McGOVERN ++++++ Democratic
393 Burncoat St., Worcester
Candidate for Re-election

TRACY LYN LOVVORN ++++++ Republican
225 Magill Dr., Grafton

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COUNCILLOR

EIGHTH DISTRICT Vote for ONE

MARY E. HURLEY ++++++ Democratic
15 Fields Dr., East Longmeadow
Candidate for Re-election

MIKE FRANCO ++++++ Massachusetts Independent
7 Primrose Ln., Holyoke

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN & WORCESTER DISTRICT Vote for ONE

JOANNE M. COMERFORD ++++++ Democratic
186 Federal St., Northampton

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

THIRD HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT Vote for ONE

SOLOMON GOLDSTEIN-ROSE + Non-partisan
16 Poet's Corner, Amherst
Candidate for Re-election

MINDY DOMB ++++++ Democratic
106 Larkspur Dr., Amherst

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT Vote for ONE

DAVID E. SULLIVAN ++++++ Democratic
4 Taft Ave., Easthampton
Candidate for Re-election

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CLERK OF COURTS

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY Vote for ONE

HARRY J. JEKANOWSKI, JR. ++++++ Democratic
14 Kosior Dr., Hadley
Candidate for Re-election

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT Vote for ONE

MARY K. OLBERDING ++++++ Democratic
272 Aldrich St., Belchertown
Candidate for Re-election

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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.

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES

**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.

YES
NO

**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.

YES
NO

**QUESTION 4
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this District be instructed to vote for legislation to create a single-payer system of universal health care that would provide all Massachusetts residents with comprehensive health care coverage including the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities, and services, and that would eliminate the role of insurance companies in health care by creating a publicly administered insurance trust fund?

YES
NO

**QUESTION 5
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation adopting a system for all state and local primaries and elections in which voters rank candidates in order of preference?

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING