

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1601**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a commission on electronic notarization.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1601) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile for legislation to establish a commission (including members of the General Court) on electronic notarization. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3292 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act establishing a commission on electronic notarization.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be established a  
2           commission called the electronic notarization study commission, hereinafter referred to as the  
3           commission, for the purpose of identifying best practices for the implementation of electronic  
4           notarization in the commonwealth.

5           The commission shall be made up of 15 members: 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom  
6           shall be appointed by the senate president and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority  
7           leader of the senate; 3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by  
8           the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority  
9           leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of state or the secretary’s designee; 3  
10          members representing the financial services industry, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the

11 Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts  
12 Bankers Association and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers  
13 Association; 4 elected registers of deeds from geographically diverse areas of the state, who shall  
14 be appointed by the secretary of state; and the supervisor of public records.

15           The commission shall recommend technology neutral standards for secure and feasible  
16 implementation of electronic notarization. The commission shall report its findings along with  
17 any necessary or recommended legislation filed with the joint committee on state administration  
18 and regulatory oversight and the senate and house committee on ways and means no later than 3  
19 months after the final commission meeting.