

SENATE No. 1109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 authorizing electronic signatures on search warrant applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1109) of Michael O. Moore and Hannah Kane for legislation to authorize electronic signatures on search warrant applications. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 998 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing electronic signatures on search warrant applications.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the first sentence the following
3 sentence:- The signature on the warrant may be made by electronic signature.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2B of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after the word “personally”, in lines 2 and 38, the following words:- or through wire or
6 electronic means.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 2B of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further
8 amended by inserting after the word “form”, in line 13, the following words:- and the signature
9 therein be made by electronic signature.