

**SENATE . . . . . No. 883**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eric P. Lesser*

*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:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 883) of Eric P. Lesser, Eileen M. Donoghue, David F. DeCoste, Keiko M. Orrall and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission on electronic notarization. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 13 members: 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom  
6           shall be selected by the senate president and 1 of whom shall be selected by the minority leader  
7           of the senate; 3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be selected by the  
8           speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be selected by the minority leader of  
9           the house of representatives; the secretary of state or the secretary’s designee; 4 elected registers  
10          of deeds from geographically diverse areas of the state, who shall be chosen by the secretary of  
11          state; and the supervisor of public records.

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