



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

## SUMMARY


This proposed constitutional amendment would declare that corporations are not people and may be regulated. It would declare that the rights afforded to human inhabitants under the state constitution are not applicable to corporations, corporate entities, or artificial persons. It would declare that the state Legislature has the power to regulate the rights of corporations, corporate entities, or artificial persons to do business in the state in order to promote the common good and strengthen the social compact of the Commonwealth.

The proposed amendment would also declare that the Legislature may

regulate and set reasonable limits on political contributions and expenditures to ensure that all individuals have access to the political process and that no individual gains more access or ability to influence an election of a candidate for public office or a ballot measure. The Legislature would also be obligated to require that permissible contributions and expenditures, including late donations, be publicly disclosed in a timely manner before any vote is held.

The proposed amendment would declare that it could not be applied to restrict the freedom of the press.

**FILING DEADLINES.** Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than November 30, 2015. 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, December 2, 2015**.

<b>FIRST TEN SIGNERS</b>	<b>Nicholas J. Bokron</b> 132 Wilson Road <b>Terra Friedrichs</b> 2 Wright Terrace <b>Diane McAvoy</b> 103 L Street <b>Gina Sonder</b> 33 Kimball Road <b>Patricia Shepard</b> 14 West Chardon Road <b>James R. Kilgore</b> 67 Brookley Road, #2 <b>Janet F. Cason</b> 40 Westbrook Road <b>Daniel L. Factor</b> 11 Davis Road, #A5 <b>Lisa C. Pires</b> 148 Winthrop Shore Drive, #7 <b>Wayne L. Friedrichs</b> 24 Windsor Avenue	<b>Nahant</b> <b>Acton</b> <b>Montague</b> <b>Arlington</b> <b>Winchester</b> <b>Boston</b> <b>Northborough</b> <b>Acton</b> <b>Winthrop</b> <b>Acton</b>	<b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b>
	These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 4, 2015.   <b>SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</b>		<b>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</b>
<b>CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.</b></li><li>• 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.</li><li>• If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.</li></ul>		

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

City or Town

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

(OVER)

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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 November 30, 2015.

- 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.

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**Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of**

\_\_\_\_\_  
city or town

\_\_\_\_\_  
county

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

City or Town

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

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