



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN INITIATIVE PETITION

FOR A LAW

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

SUMMARY


This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use taxes from their current rate of 6.25% (as of September, 2017) to 5.0%. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount non-resident building contractors must deposit with the state Commissioner of Revenue as security for the payment of sales and use tax on goods used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law would also require the Commissioner of Revenue to designate a weekend in August of each year during which many items could be purchased without the payment of sales tax (but excluding meals, motor vehicles

and boats, utilities, and any item costing more than \$2,500).

If the reduction in the sales tax proposed by this measure were to cause a public entity funded by the sales tax (for example, the MBTA or the School Building Authority) to be unable to make a debt payment, the proposed law would require the state treasurer to make the payment instead. The state's liability would be limited to the amount attributable to the sales tax reduction, and the public entity would be required to repay the state within 5 years.

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2017**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than December 4, 2017. 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 6, 2017**.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS	Jon B. Hurst Christopher R. Carlozzi Robert Allan Mellion Harold A. Tubman William C. Rennie Ryan Coleman Kearney Andrea K. Shea Lawrence E. Mulrey Audrey M. Brienza Jan S. Hurst	99 Grover Street 134 Salem Street, #2 6 Sonja Marie Way 33 Roslyn Road 9 Forest Notch 247 West Fifth Street, #2 199 B Derby Street 23 Electric Avenue, #1 5 Essex Street, #D 99 Grover Street	Beverly Malden Easton Newton Cohasset Boston Salem Somerville Saugus Beverly	REGISTRAR USE ONLY: <i>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</i>
	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 11, 2017.</p>  <p>SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p>	SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT: Petition L 18 Tremont St., Suite 810 Boston, MA 02108 617-523-1900		

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION	INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET. 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. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.
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REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	WARD	PREC.
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ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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