SENATE . . . . No. 851

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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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 relative to electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaints.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*

SENATE . . . . No. 851

By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 851) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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An Act relative to electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaints.

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 22 of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014

2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "subscribed", in line 4, the

3 words:- , electronically or in person…

4   SECTION 2. Section 22 of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014

5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 7, the following words after the word

6 "Procedure.":- If a complaint is subscribed to electronically by the complainant, the complainant,

7 if a law enforcement officer, may, in lieu of being examined on oath by a justice, subscribe to the

8 complaint under the pains and penalties of perjury.

9   SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 275 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014

10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "subscribed", in line 5, the

11 words:- , electronically or in person…