

**SENATE . . . . . No. 998**

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**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>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 998) of Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Whelan and Hannah Kane for legislation to authorize electronic signatures on search warrant applications. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the first sentence, in line 1, the following  
3 words:- “The signature on the warrant may be made by electronic signature.”

4           SECTION 2. Section 2B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by inserting after the word “personally”, in line 2, the words:- “or through wire or  
6 electronic means”

7           SECTION 3. Section 2B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further  
8 amended by inserting after the word “form,” in line 13, the words:- “and the signature therein be  
9 made by electronic signature”.