



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts A REFERENDUM PETITION

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

“We protest against chapter 134 of the Acts of 2016,” “An Act Relative to Transgender Anti-Discrimination.” We request a referendum on this law.

**FILING DEADLINES.** Referendum petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than October 4, 2016. Thereafter, referendum 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 Thursday, October 6, 2016.**

## SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A “place of public accommodation, resort or amusement” is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. “Gender identity” is defined as a person’s sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person’s admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such

place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person’s gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis of gender identity.

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

<b>FIRST TEN SIGNERS</b>	<p><b>James J. Lyons, Jr.</b>      <b>12 High Vale Lane</b>      <b>Andover</b>  <b>M. Edith Alexandre</b>      <b>50 Marshalls Corner Road</b>      <b>Brockton</b>  <b>Chanel N. Prunier</b>      <b>43 Shirley Road</b>      <b>Shrewsbury</b>  <b>Roberto Miranda</b>      <b>143 Albion Street, # 2</b>      <b>Somerville</b>  <b>Andrew D. Beckwith</b>      <b>5 Batchelder Park</b>      <b>Wenham</b>  <b>Zhixiong Xu</b>      <b>52 Belle Avenue</b>      <b>Boston</b>  <b>Kristian M. Mineau</b>      <b>10 Mount Vernon Street</b>      <b>North Reading</b>  <b>Nancy A. Bradley</b>      <b>61 Fox Hill Road</b>      <b>Wellesley</b>  <b>Yu Bai</b>      <b>4 Walden Drive, # 13</b>      <b>Natick</b>  <b>Walter H. Weld</b>      <b>29 Main Street</b>      <b>Dover</b></p>	<b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b>
	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on July 18, 2016.</p> <p><b>SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</b></p>	<p><b>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</b></p>
<b>CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION</b>		<p><b>SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:</b></p> <p>Referendum Petition          400 Trade Center, Suite 1950          Woburn, MA 01801          339-298-7567</p>
<b>CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION</b>	<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DO NOT ALTER THIS REFERENDUM 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>	

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.**

City or Town Circulator petition sheet number  
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ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN:

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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**

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| <b>REGISTRAR<br/>INFORMATION</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.</li> <li>Check thus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</li> <li>Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.</li> <li>You must complete certification no later than October 4, 2016.</li> </ul> | <p>N - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.</p> <p>S - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.</p> <p>W - wrong community.</p> <p>T - already signed papers for this question.</p> |
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<p><b>CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>city or town</small>    <small>month and day</small></p> <p>We certify that _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(number of names certified – use numbers and words)</small></p> <p>above signatures checked thus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are names of qualified voters from this city or town.</p>	<p><b>At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>city or town</small>    <small>county</small></p>
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**ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF  MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**