

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## STATE ELECTION

PEPPERELL

### OFFICIAL EARLY / ABSENTEE BALLOT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*William D. Steiner, Ballot*  
SECRETARY OF THE

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval  to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

#### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT Vote for ONE

- BIDEN and HARRIS ++++++ Democratic
- HAWKINS and WALKER ++++++ Green-Rainbow
- JORGENSEN and COHEN ++++++ Libertarian
- TRUMP and PENCE ++++++ Republican

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#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS Vote for ONE

- EDWARD J. MARKEY ++++++ Democratic  
7 Townsend St., Malden  
Candidate for Re-election
- KEVIN J. O'CONNOR ++++++ Republican  
55 Glen St., Dover

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#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS Vote for ONE

- LORI LOUREIRO TRAHAN ++++++ Democratic  
9 Weetamoo Way, Westford  
Candidate for Re-election

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#### COUNCILLOR

FIFTH DISTRICT

- EILEEN R. DUFF ++++++ Democratic  
8 Barbary Heights Rd., Gloucester  
Candidate for Re-election

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#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT Vote for ONE

FIRST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

- EDWARD J. KENNEDY, JR. ++++++ Democratic  
312 Clark Rd., Lowell  
Candidate for Re-election

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#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT Vote for ONE

FIRST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

- SHEILA C. HARRINGTON ++++++ Republican  
21 Overlook Dr., Groton  
Candidate for Re-election
- DEBORAH L. BUSSEY ++++++ Democratic  
17 Broadmeadow Rd., Groton

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#### REGISTER OF PROBATE MIDDLESEX COUNTY

- TARA E. DeCRISTOFARO ++++++ Democratic  
36 Terrace Rd., Medford  
Candidate for Re-election

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#### QUESTION 1

##### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

##### SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

A YES VOTE would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

YES

NO

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