



# 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 require waste-to-energy and biomass renewable energy sources relying on combustion or pyrolyzation (decomposition caused by heat) to emit no more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour in order to be considered "renewable energy generating sources," "Class I renewable energy generating sources," "Class II renewable energy generating sources," "alternative energy developments," or "alternative energy properties" under state laws concerning renewable and alternative energy programs.

Under current state law, retail electricity suppliers are required to provide a minimum percentage of kilowatt-hour sales to end-use customers in Massachusetts from "Class I renewable energy generating sources" and "Class II renewable energy generating sources." The proposed law would prohibit

retail electricity suppliers from satisfying these requirements through the use of waste-to-energy and biomass renewable energy sources that rely on combustion or pyrolyzation if such energy sources emit more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour.

Also under current state law, the state Department of Energy Resources is responsible for administering programs related to alternative energy development and alternative energy properties. The proposed law would exclude from these programs waste-to-energy and biomass energy sources that rely on combustion or pyrolyzation if such energy sources emit more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour.

**FILING DEADLINES.** Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than November 30, 2009. 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 2, 2009.**

<b>FIRST TEN SIGNERS</b>	<p><b>Susan E. Laing</b>                      47 Phillips Street  <b>Margaret E. Sheehan</b>        732 Main Street  <b>Laura A. Westover</b>            732 Main Street  <b>Eric B. Reustle</b>                41 Oakview Terrace, # 3  <b>Jesus Leyva</b>                    39 West Street, # 1R  <b>Carol M. Brussel</b>              300 Bridge Street  <b>Robert W. Aronson</b>         71 Sylvester Road  <b>Marcie J. Stock</b>               71 Sylvester Road  <b>Elizabeth Jeffs Lombard</b>    39 Munroe Street  <b>John C. Lombard</b>             39 Munroe Street</p>	<p><b>Greenfield</b>  <b>Williamstown</b>  <b>Williamstown</b>  <b>Boston</b>  <b>Northampton</b>  <b>Northampton</b>  <b>Northampton</b>  <b>Northampton</b>  <b>Northampton</b>  <b>Northampton</b></p>	<p><b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b></p> <p style="transform: rotate(-45deg); opacity: 0.5;">ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</p>
	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 2, 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>William Francis Galvin</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</b></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 INITIATIVE 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>
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	<b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY</b>	<b>I. SIGNATURE</b> to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	<b>II. NOW REGISTERED AT</b> (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	<b>WARD</b>	<b>PREC.</b>
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**ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF**  **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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