



# 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 reverse a 2010 vote by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education relative to the 2010 Common Core state educational standards. The proposed law would restore the English Language Arts and Mathematics curriculum frameworks in place prior to the vote.

The proposed law would require that the Board's process for developing curriculum frameworks include committees made up of public school teachers and academics from public and private colleges and universities in Massachusetts. It would also require the state Commissioner of Education to copyright the curriculum frameworks and to grant permission to copy any or all parts of the frameworks for non-commercial educational purposes.

The proposed law would establish three review committees, one for each discipline of math, science and technology, and English. Each committee

would be made up of three members from Massachusetts research universities appointed by the Governor. The Board would be prohibited from approving any curriculum frameworks unless the review committees first decide by a two-thirds vote that the frameworks are equivalent to the standards of the most educationally advanced nations as determined by the Trends in Mathematics and Sciences Study.

The proposed law would require that, each year, the Commissioner publicly release all test items, including questions, constructed responses, and essays, for each grade and for every subject.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**FILING DEADLINES.** Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than July 1, 2016. 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, July 6, 2016**.

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	<p>These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 2, 2015.</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>	<p><b>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</b></p> <p><b>SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:</b></p> <p>Petition C 508-658-0223</p>

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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*City or Town*

**ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF**

**MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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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**

REGISTRAR INFORMATION

- You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.
- Check thus ✓ 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.
- Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
- You must complete certification no later than July 1, 2016.

- N - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.
- S - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.
- W - wrong community.
- T - already signed papers for this question.

**CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES**

**At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ city or town \_\_\_\_\_ month and day

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We certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of names certified – use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus ✓ are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

**Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of**

\_\_\_\_\_ city or town \_\_\_\_\_ county

*City or Town*

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

