INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A LAW TO CLASSIFY THE CONTENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CENTRAL REGISTRY OF VOTERS AS PUBLIC RECORDS

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

SECTION 1. Section 47C of Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, in its entirety, and inserting a new first paragraph that states, "Subject to appropriation, the state secretary shall maintain a central registry of voters which shall contain, if provided by the registrars, the names, addresses and effective dates of registration of all registered voters in the commonwealth and which shall contain the name, date of birth, occupation, veteran status, nationality, and residence on January first in the preceding year and in the current year, of every person three years of age or older in the commonwealth, and shall adopt regulations governing the operation of said central registry. The information contained in said central registry shall be public records and available to any requestor in a printed format, or in an electronic computer readable format including Microsoft Excel format, at the requestor's choice. The requestor shall make his or her request for the information to the office of the state secretary. The office of the state secretary shall be solely responsible for fulfilling the request and shall fulfill the request within ten business days of receiving the request. The time for fulfilling the request shall not be extendible, and shall not be extendible notwithstanding any provisions in Chapter 66 of the General Laws. The requestor may be charged a fair and reasonable price not to exceed the cost of printing the information or preparing the electronic computer readable format, and in no case shall the price exceed \$100.00."

SECTION 2. This initiative shall be effective upon passage.

We have personally reviewed the above final text of this Initiative Petition, fully subscribe to its contents, and agree to be one of the original signers of the petition.

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