



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts A REFERENDUM PETITION

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

"We protest against chapter 216 of the Acts of 2008", "An Act Relative to Certain Marriage Laws." 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 Wednesday, October 15, 2008.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than October 27, 2008. 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2008.**


## SUMMARY

This law eliminates restrictions against persons from other states getting married in Massachusetts on the same terms as Massachusetts residents.

The law eliminates the prohibition against a person getting married in Massachusetts if the marriage would be void if performed in the person's home state. Under the law, such a person's marriage is no longer void in Massachusetts

if performed here, and it is no longer a crime to knowingly issue a license for, or to perform, such a marriage in this state.

The law also eliminates the requirement that a city or town clerk, before issuing a marriage license to a person from another state, verify that the marriage would not be prohibited from being performed in the person's home state.

<b>FIRST TEN SIGNERS</b>	<b>Brian Camenker</b> <b>John O'Gorman</b> <b>Dale C. Gunn</b> <b>Ebba J. Holland</b> <b>Caroline M. Kneeland</b> <b>Robert G. O'Brien</b> <b>David Thomas Parker</b> <b>Tonia S. Parker</b> <b>Edward J. Sharib</b> <b>Robert Montgomery Thomas</b>	<b>84 Staniford Street</b> <b>30 Myrtle Avenue</b> <b>94 Washington Street</b> <b>68 Arlmont Street</b> <b>13 Anthony Drive</b> <b>531 Pleasant Street</b> <b>541 Bedford Street</b> <b>541 Bedford Street</b> <b>236 Speen Street</b> <b>848 Washington Street</b>	<b>Newton</b> <b>Winthrop</b> <b>Hudson</b> <b>Arlington</b> <b>Groton</b> <b>Milton</b> <b>Lexington</b> <b>Lexington</b> <b>Natick</b> <b>Weymouth</b>	<b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY:</b>  <b>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</b>
	These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on August 13, 2008.   <b>SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</b>			<b>CIRCULATOR INFORMATION</b> <b>SPONSORS REQUEST THAT YOU RETURN THIS PETITION TO:</b>  Referendum Petition P.O. Box 1612 Waltham, MA 02454 (781) 890-6001

**CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION**  
**INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS**

- DO NOT ALTER THIS REFERENDUM PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.**
- 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.
- If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

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

Circulator petition  
sheet number

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

(OVER)

ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN:

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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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 October 27, 2008.

- 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

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.