The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

OFFICIAL EARLY / ABSENTEE
BALLOT

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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.

ELECTIONS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

REGISTER OF PROBATE

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NAME AND ADDRESS

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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VOTE BOTH SIDES
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, 2007?

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 2002, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip all 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 mobile device applications. With vehicle owners authorized to access, independent repair facilities would be able to use the data to repair and maintain vehicles, and independent dealerships would be able to use the data to maintain vehicles.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to render unauthorized repair or repair facilities access to mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's telematics system, except through an authorization process established and administered by the attorney general. If manufacturers did not comply with these requirements, they would be subject to penalties.

A YES VOTE on this question would require the attorney general to promulgate regulations implementing the proposed law. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective vehicle owners with an advance notice before selling the vehicle, allowing them to consider these requirements before making their purchase decision. The attorney general would also be required to publish a notice in the official records of Massachusetts to ensure compliance with these requirements.

A YES VOTE would make the technology available to independent repair facilities and vehicle owners.

A NO VOTE would require that all vehicles sold in Massachusetts be equipped with the technology.

YES ☐ NO ☐

QUESTION 2

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, 2007?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as ranked-choice voting in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, district legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and state and local offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting was not proposed before a question on ranked-choice voting was placed on the ballot.

The proposed law, if passed, would require that candidates receive more than 50 percent of the first-place votes. If a candidate did not receive more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, the candidate with the fewest votes would be eliminated, and the second candidate would receive the votes of the candidate eliminated. The candidates with the most votes would be declared the winners. This process would be repeated until a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the first-place votes.

A YES VOTE would make ranked-choice voting available in Massachusetts elections.

A NO VOTE would keep the current system of voting in Massachusetts elections.

YES ☐ NO ☐