



# City of New Bedford

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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To either the Warden/Clerk of the City of NEW BEDFORD

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city who are qualified to vote in the Elections to vote at

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Ward

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Precinct

On **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020**, from **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.....FOR THESE UNITED STATES  
SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....9<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF PROBATE.....BRISTOL COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....BRISTOL COUNTY  
COUNTY TREASURER.....BRISTOL COUNTY

### 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, 2020?

#### 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 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any 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 a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by a certified and affiliated with the manufacturer.

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The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

**A YES VOTE** would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

## **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, 2020?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as "ranked-choice," in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting be used in primary and general elections of all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting would occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter's next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates' support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters' rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount. The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

**A YES VOTE** would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.  
Given under our hands this 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

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City Council of: New Bedford

\_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Authorized person

\*\*\* POLLING PLACES \*\*\*

\*\*\*2020\*\*\*

Ward/Precinct	Location	Address
1A	Normandin Middle School	Orleans St, Entrance
1B	*Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1C	*Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1D	Vibra	4499 Acushnet Ave.
1E	Dottin Place	8 Amanda Ave. (Administration Bldg.)
1F	Christian Fellowship Center	822 Church St
2A	*Taber Mill Community Center	217 Deane St. ( <i>Coffin Ave entrance.</i> )
2B	*Alma del Mar Charter School	515 Bellville Ave. (Rear Entrance)
2C	*Alma del Mar Charter School	515 Bellville Ave. (Rear Entrance)
2D	*Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2E	*Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2F	Lincoln School	Ashley Blvd. ( <i>Query St. entrance</i> )
3A	Hayden/McFadden School	361 Cedar Grove St. (Main entrance)
3B	Hillside Court	525 Coggeshall St.
3C	*Taber Mill Community Center	217 Deane St. ( <i>Coffin Ave entrance.</i> )
3D	*Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt Vernon St
3E	*Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt Vernon St
3F	Bayberry Apartments***	Oakdale St.
4A	Boa Vista	134 S. Second St.
4B	Carney Academy	247 Elm St.
4C	New Bedford Hotel Apts	725 Pleasant St.
4D	Parker Street School	705 County St.
4E	Caroline St. Community Center	26 Caroline St.
4F	Boys and Girls Club	166 Jenney St.
5A	*Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. ( <i>entrance on Orchard St.</i> )
5B	*Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. ( <i>entrance on Orchard St.</i> )
5C	*Moose Home	<i>Enter on Dartmouth or Hemlock St.</i>
5D	Hathaway School Gym	256 Court St.
5E	*Buttonwood Warming House	Buttonwood Park ( <i>near pond</i> )
5F	*Buttonwood Warming House	Buttonwood Park ( <i>near pond</i> )
6A	*Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6B	*Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6C	Tripp Towers	12 Ruth St.
6D	Howland Green Library	3 Rodney French Blvd
6E	Ashley Park Community Center	543 Bolton St.
6F	*Moose Home	<i>Enter on Dartmouth or Hemlock St.</i>
	* Represents double precincts	