

# 2018 Massachusetts Ballot Question Voter Guide

**Vote November 6, 2018!** Polls are open 7am to 8pm.

To find your polling location: [wheredoivotema.org](http://wheredoivotema.org).

Massachusetts will have **Early Voting** for statewide general elections. For dates and locations, please contact your local Clerk's office: [sec.state.ma.us/ele/electck/clkidx.htm](http://sec.state.ma.us/ele/electck/clkidx.htm)

BALLOT QUESTION	THE BASICS	OUR ENDORSEMENT
<p><b>Question 1:</b> <b>Nurse-Patient Assignment Limits Initiative</b></p>	<p><b>👍 A Yes Vote</b> would establish patient assignment limits for registered nurses working in hospitals.</p> <p><b>👎 A No Vote</b> would make no change to state laws that currently only limit nurse-to-patient ratios for intensive care units but not other medical units in hospitals.</p>	<p><b>👍 Vote YES</b></p> <p>Setting maximum patient limits prioritizes patient safety over profits. Right now, decisions about patient assignments are made by hospital executives focused on reducing costs and increasing profits. If passed, the type of patient (e.g. a patient during birth) or medical unit (e.g. surgical units) would determine the limit on the number of patients per registered nurse. The Health Policy Commission would enforce this initiative.</p> <p><i>A few supporters include: MA Nurses Association, MA Senior Action Council, Neighbor to Neighbor, Coalition for Social Justice, MA Jobs with Justice, and MA Teachers Association.</i></p> <p><a href="http://safepatientlimits.org">safepatientlimits.org</a></p>
<p><b>Question 2:</b> <b>Advisory Commission for Amendments to the U.S. Constitution Regarding Money in Politics</b></p>	<p><b>👍 A Yes Vote</b> would create a 15-person volunteer citizens commission to advocate for a new 28th Amendment regarding political spending and corporate personhood, specifically to overturn Citizens United.</p> <p><b>👎 A No Vote</b> would not create this commission.</p>	<p><b>👍 Vote YES</b></p> <p>Concentrated wealth and power threaten the integrity of our democracy. Creating a state commission to advance an amendment to the U.S. Constitution is an important step toward combating a political system dominated by monied interests.</p> <p><i>Supporters include: Maura Healey, Seth Moulton, Jim McGovern, MassVOTE, Common Cause - MA, MA Jobs with Justice, Represent.Us, Take Back Our Republic, and Our Revolution</i></p> <p><a href="http://americanpromise.net/massachusetts">americanpromise.net/massachusetts</a></p>
<p><b>Question 3:</b> <b>Gender Identity Anti- Discrimination</b></p>	<p><b>👍 A Yes Vote</b> would uphold a 2016 law that prohibits discrimination against our transgender neighbors and friends in public places, such as restaurants, malls, and hospitals.</p> <p><b>👎 A No Vote</b> would repeal the law prohibiting discrimination against our transgender neighbors and friends in public places.</p>	<p><b>👍 Vote YES</b></p> <p>Current law protects transgender youth and adults from harassment and discrimination in public places (restaurants, stores, hospitals, public transportation, etc.). These protections have been in place for two years without incident. A "yes" vote means that these basic protections stay in place so that all people are treated fairly, no matter who they are.</p> <p><i>Supporters include: Freedom for All Massachusetts – the Yes on 3 Campaign, and over 1500 Coalition partners including Neighbor to Neighbor, Chelsea Collaborative, Coalition for Social Justice, Asian American Resource Workshop, Jobs with Justice, Mass. Teachers Association, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, Mass. Nurses Association, and Union of Minority Neighborhoods</i></p> <p><a href="http://freedommassachusetts.org">freedommassachusetts.org</a></p>

**NOV** Vote on Election Day!  
**6** Tuesday, November 6  
7:00am-8:00pm



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