

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

FULL TEXT OF QUESTION (continued)

a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

- g) Appointees to the Citizens Commission shall serve without compensation.
- h) Members of the Citizens Commission shall elect a chair or co-chairs, in the manner as the members of the Commission may decide by majority vote.
- i) The Citizens Commission shall meet on a regular basis to gather evidence, testimony, and advice in the manner that the members of the Commission determine is most conducive to achieving the objectives of this Act, provided however, that the Citizen Commission proceedings and activities shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law and the Public Records Law, and that all residents of Massachusetts have a reasonable opportunity to offer their views and ideas related to the policies herein to the Commission.

Section 4. Report and Recommendations

- a) The Citizens Commission shall issue a Report of Findings and Recommendations, which shall include the following:
 - i) The nature and impact of political and election spending in Massachusetts;
 - ii) The limitations, if any, on the legal ability of the Commonwealth and its citizens to reasonably regulate corporations and other entities due to the Supreme Court's conclusion that corporations may assert Constitutional rights of human beings;
 - iii) Recommendations as to the scope and language of one or more constitutional amendment resolutions that would address the problem and policies described herein, and that would be prudent for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to ratify under Article V of the United States Constitution;
 - iv) An analysis of the constitutional amendments that have been introduced in Congress to date in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, an assessment of their alignment with the policies and objectives set forth in this Act; and
 - v) Recommendations for actions to be taken by Congress, the General Court of Massachusetts,

the Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General and other public officials and bodies, and citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to further promotion, proposal and ratification of the recommended constitutional amendment or amendments.

- b) The Citizens Commission shall deliver its first Report and Recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General and the citizens of Massachusetts on or before December 31, 2019.
- c) Within 5 days of receipt, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is instructed to deliver the Report and Recommendations of the Citizens Commission to all current members of the General Court of Massachusetts, all current members of the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.
- d) The Secretary of the Commonwealth is directed to immediately deliver copies of this law, when enacted, to the following persons: The Governor, the Attorney General, all current members of the General Court of Massachusetts, all current members of the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.
- e) With the Act, the People hereby urge that Congress, the General Court of Massachusetts, the Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General and other public officials and bodies, and citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts carefully review the Citizen Commission's findings and take all constitutional and lawful actions to further the proposal and ratification of the recommended constitutional amendment or amendments.

Section 5. Severability

The several provisions of this Act are independent and severable and the invalidity, if any, of any part or feature thereof shall not affect or render the remainder of the Act invalid or inoperative.

Section 6. Effective Date

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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