

VOTER AWARENESS

BALLOT QUESTION # 3

The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person's gender identity. (Summary from Secretary of State's Office).

What does that mean?

It means that any person may decide what gender they want to be (male or female) and then by law, be admitted to "places of public accommodation." (See below definition of places of public accommodation)

Here is one example of what has happened under this type of law. A man decides to identify himself as a woman and use the female bathroom at a Massachusetts Department Store. A woman in the female bathroom is startled by his presence and asks the store to call the police. They refuse because he is protected by the current law. Security tapes later revealed that the man was lurking in the female bathroom for 30 minutes.

Think about it. Your children may be using the locker room of the local gym or pool when a person born as a man decides to identify himself as a woman and enter the female bathroom or locker room. Does this make sense to you? Is this a good law? Something to think about when you vote.

A NO VOTE on Question # 3, would repeal this law and not allow this type of thing to happen. A YES Vote on Question # 3, would continue to allow this type of thing to happen. A YES vote, would further subject the owner or establishment who refused entry in such a case, to anti-discrimination laws (for not allowing anyone to enter whatever bathroom or locker room of their choice).

What is "public accommodation"?

(M.G.L. c. 272, § 92A) *defines a place of public accommodation as "any place ...which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public."*

"Places of public accommodation can include (but are not limited to):

Theaters, concert halls, sports stadiums, and other places of entertainment; Auditoriums, convention centers, lecture halls, and other places of public gathering; Sales and rental establishments, including stores, shopping centers. Restaurants, bars, and other establishments serving food or drink..."