

# Ballot Question Process

## *Proposing or opposing ballot questions*

The biennial statewide elections in Massachusetts typically present voters with one or more ballot questions that propose new laws, constitutional amendments, or the repeal of existing laws. The 2022 election presented four such questions. This new program takes a behind-the-scenes look at how such questions come to be on the ballot and what makes the campaigns for and against the various proposals successful.

The program is useful to anyone interested in learning more—from the vantage points of key players in the process—about how to propose or oppose ballot questions.

## Agenda

- Requirements of the Massachusetts Constitution, Statutes, and Applicable Case Law
- Drafting Proposals, Navigating the Certification Process, and Collecting Signatures
- Summaries, Titles, Yes/No Statements, and Publication
- Campaign Finance Requirements
- Litigating Ballot Questions, Including Recurring Issues and Obstacles

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## Dates & Location

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### LIVE WEBCAST

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

9:30 am–12:30 pm

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### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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### REBROADCAST

Thursday, May 18, 2023

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## Materials

The materials for this program include MCLE's *Massachusetts Election Administration, Campaign Finance, and Lobbying Law*, which, along with any other materials, can be downloaded via the link emailed to you upon registration.

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