

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1015**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act promoting cost savings and transparency in local government.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

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By Mr. Downing, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1015) of Downing for legislation to promote cost savings and transparency in local government [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act promoting cost savings and transparency in local government.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1                   SECTION 1. Section 49 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "print" and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following words:- make available.

4                   SECTION 2. Section 44 of chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
5 by inserting after section 44 the following section:-

6                   Section 44A. (a) Each city and town shall annually provide an official copy of  
7 its current annual operating budget to the division of local services within the department of  
8 revenue not later than August 1.

9                   (b) No later than September 1 annually, the division of local services shall post the  
10 current annual operating budget for each city and town in a searchable electronic database on the  
11 department's website.