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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 relative to the accountability of the governor's council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1538) of Bruce E. Tarr and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to the accountability of the governor's council. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1627* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the accountability of the governor's council.

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

SECTION 2. Section 18 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of "public body" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Public body", a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee within the executive, including, without limitation, the Executive Council, or legislative branch or within any county, district, city, region or town, however created, elected, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose; provided, however, that the governing board of a local housing, redevelopment or other similar authority shall be deemed a local public body; provided, further, that the governing board or body of any other authority established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth or any part thereof shall be deemed a state public body; provided, further, that "public body" shall not include the general court or the committees or recess commissions thereof, bodies of the judicial branch or bodies appointed by a constitutional officer solely for the purpose of advising a constitutional officer, excepting the Executive Council, and shall not include the board of bank incorporation or the policyholders protective board; and provided further, that a subcommittee shall include any multiple-member body created to advise or make recommendations to a public body."