

HOUSE No. 2774

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 to exempt the deliberation of public bodies at town meeting from the open meeting law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2774) of Peter V. Kocot and others for legislation to exempt the deliberations of public bodies at town meetings from the open meeting law. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2843 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to exempt the deliberation of public bodies at town meeting from the open meeting law.

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 18 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word meeting in line 8, the following
3 word:- materials

4 SECTION 2. Said section 18, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking subsection
5 (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

6 (e) A session of a town meeting convened under section 10 of chapter 39 which may
7 include the attendance and deliberation on matters being considered by town meeting by a
8 quorum of a public body at any such session.

9 SECTION 3. Paragraph 5 of subsection (b) of section 21 of said Chapter 30A , as so
10 appearing, is hereby amended by striking the figure 23 in line 82 and inserting in place thereof
11 the following figure :-22