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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 use of audio or video recordings as minutes of public bodies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/15/2015*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*12/5/2019*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*12/5/2019*

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2806) of Denise Provost, James B. Eldridge and Brian M. Ashe relative to the use of audio or video recordings as minutes of public bodies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2867* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the use of audio or video recordings as minutes of public bodies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 30A, section 18 of the General Laws, appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding to the definition of "minutes", the following:- "The requirement for a written record may be satisfied by maintaining an audio or video of the meeting prepared by an employee or agent of the municipality, along with the meeting notice and agenda, certified by the Chair, Vice-Chair or Clerk of the public body or the designee of the public body. Nothing shall prevent however a public body from having written minutes or certifying portions of written minutes based on the audio or video recording."

SECTION 2. Chapter 66, section 5A of the General Laws, appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding "The requirement for a record may be satisfied by maintaining an audio or video of the meeting prepared by an employee or agent of the

municipality, along with the meeting notice and agenda, certified by the Chair, Vice-Chair or Clerk of the public body or the designee of the public body. Nothing shall prevent however a public body from having written minutes or certifying portions of written minutes based on the audio or video recording."