

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2996**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Relative to Open Meetings of Governmental Bodies Without the Presence of a Quorum..

*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 23B of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the sixth paragraph the following new  
3 paragraph:—

4                   A meeting for which notice is filed and posted under the preceding paragraph  
5 shall not be convened in open or executive session unless and until a quorum of the  
6 governmental body is present. If such a quorum is not present within twenty minutes after the  
7 time stated in the notice, the members then present may convene in open session for the sole  
8 purpose of scheduling a subsequent meeting of the governmental body, and shall not deliberate  
9 any other matter. A meeting scheduled under this paragraph shall otherwise conform to the  
10 requirements of this section.