

SENATE No. 1015

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, and Franklin

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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].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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.