

SENATE No. 1627

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:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	
<i>Jason Panos</i>	<i>30 Reed Rd Peabody MA 01960</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1627) of Bruce E. Tarr and Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the accountability of the governor's council. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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:

1 SECTION 2. The Open Meeting Law, Section 18 entitled “Definitions” is hereby
2 amended by deleting, in its entirety, the definition of “Public body” and replacing it with the
3 following:

4 “Public body”, a multiple-member board, commission, committee or
5 subcommittee within the executive, including, without limitation, the Executive Council, or
6 legislative branch or within any county, district, city, region or town, however created, elected,
7 appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose; provided, however,
8 that the governing board of a local housing, redevelopment or other similar authority shall be
9 deemed a local public body; provided, further, that the governing board or body of any other
10 authority established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth or any
11 part thereof shall be deemed a state public body; provided, further, that “public body” shall not
12 include the general court or the committees or recess commissions thereof, bodies of the judicial
13 branch or bodies appointed by a constitutional officer solely for the purpose of advising a

14 constitutional officer, excepting the Executive Council, and shall not include the board of bank
15 incorporation or the policyholders protective board; and provided further, that a subcommittee
16 shall include any multiple-member body created to advise or make recommendations to a public
17 body.”