

HOUSE No. 4208

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 23, 2014.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2843) of Peter V. Kocot for legislation to exempt the deliberation of public bodies at town meeting from the open meeting law, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4208) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PETER V. KOCOT.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

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”