

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1538**

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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:

*Bruce E. Tarr*  
*Richard J. Ross*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*  
*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1538) of Bruce E. Tarr and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to the accountability of the governor's council. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1627 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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. Section 18 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “public body” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following definition:-

4 “Public body”, a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee  
5 within the executive, including, without limitation, the Executive Council, or legislative branch  
6 or within any county, district, city, region or town, however created, elected, appointed or  
7 otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose; provided, however, that the  
8 governing board of a local housing, redevelopment or other similar authority shall be deemed a  
9 local public body; provided, further, that the governing board or body of any other authority  
10 established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth or any part  
11 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.”