

HOUSE No. 1191

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 examination of prospective jurors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1191) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to informing prospective jurors in civil cases of the potential of a meeting between the jurors and the attorneys for the litigants at the conclusion of the trial. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the examination of prospective jurors.

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 28 of Chapter 234 of the General Laws is hereby amended to insert the following
2 paragraph:-

3 Before any examination of prospective jurors begins, the prospective jurors will be told in
4 all civil cases, unless a party is appearing pro se, that at the conclusion of the trial, they will meet
5 with the judge and the attorneys for the litigants. A judge in his or her discretion for good cause
6 may, after a verdict is rendered, disallow a meeting between the jurors and the attorneys for the
7 litigants, may limit the duration of any such meeting, may excuse a juror or jurors from such a
8 meeting, and will control the conduct of the meeting.