

SENATE No. 1071

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1071) of Benjamin B. Downing, Marjorie C. Decker, Dennis A. Rosa, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote transparency in local government. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 937 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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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 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “print” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following words:- make available.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
5 section 44 the following section:-

6 Section 44A. (a) Each city and town shall annually provide an official electronic copy of
7 its current annual operating budget to the division of local services within the department of
8 revenue.

9 (b) The division of local services shall post the current annual operating budget for each
10 city and town in an electronic database on the department's website.

11 (c) The division of local services shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this
12 section.