

SENATE No. 1535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives, (BY REQUEST)

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 homeowners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

David Fox

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6 Herrick Drive Methuen, MA 01844

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1535) of David Fox for legislation relative to homeowners. Revenue.

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

An Act relative to homeowners.

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. Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any general
2 or special law to the contrary, at the option of the board of selectmen of a town council in a
3 municipality having a town council form of government or the mayor with the approval of the
4 city council in a city, may implement a tax deferral program for residents living in housing
5 communities that are designated as over the age of 55.

6 SECTION 2. Real property, to an amount determined as hereinafter provided, of a person
7 who is 55 years of age or older as of July 1 of the tax year, may be eligible for a reduction in
8 their property taxes of no less than 10 percent and no more than 20 percent.