

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1593**

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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 to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1593) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1438 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1            Subsection (b) of section 4 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2            Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- “Part  
3            B taxable income shall not be taxed at a rate of more than 5.2 per cent unless said rate is  
4            approved by the initiative petition process provided for in Articles XLVIII, LXXIV and LXXXI  
5            of the Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution.”